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Torres threatens to withdraw support for own casino bill

» Bill's author wants 2 provisions in 'final draft' scrapped

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REPORTER

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) threatened yesterday to withdraw his support for his own bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan because of two provisions in the "final draft" that he strongly opposes, including a \$575 million advance payment for an exclusive license and a \$25 million advance non-refundable payment of a license.

Torres said if these items in the current version of his House Local Bill 17-44 are not removed, he will withdraw his support and remove his name from the bill.

"Let another 17th legislative author put forth a new version, in order for the public and SNILD [Saipan and Northern Islands

Legislative Delegation] to review and approve," he said.

Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), who authored a bill for casino gambling on Saipan last year that was killed by the Senate, said he's willing to take over sponsorship of Torres' bill

if the latter decides to withdraw his support and name from it.

Tenorio said that, while he believes in the expertise of the Macau-based Asian gaming consultant who made a presentation for the governor and lawmakers on Monday, he doesn't necessarily agree that the CNMI

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1-year extension eyed for CHC corp.



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REPORTER

House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) said yesterday that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's proposed \$102 million budget for fiscal year 2012 could be increased upon reinstatement of projected revenues from the Commonwealth Health Center once its conversion into a corporation is extended by one year.

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RIGHT TO SUE

From left, Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), and Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) confer on a bill allowing retirees or beneficiaries of trusts to sue if the board refuses to do so, during a short session recess yesterday on Capital Hill. The bill passed by a vote of 15-4 with one absence. See story on Page 5.

New CNMI postage stamp to be issued tomorrow

» Public invited to dedication ceremonies at Multi-Purpose Center

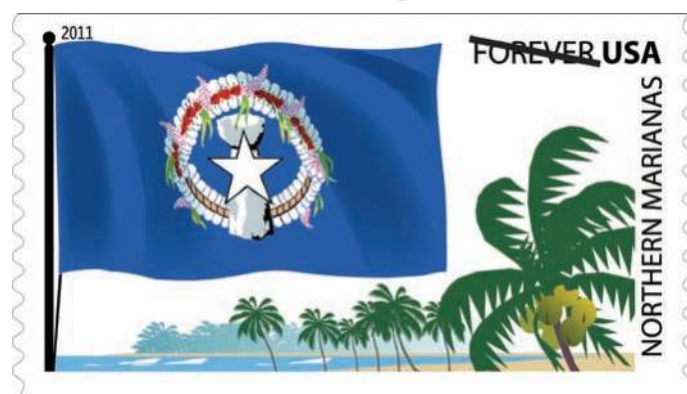
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tion stamps and have them hand cancelled for free with a special commemorative First Day of Sale postmark by postal personnel from 10:30am to 11:30am at the Multi-Purpose Center.

The ceremony will be hosted by USPS Honolulu District Manager Daryl Ishizaki and feature remarks by Northern

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Tinian reps leave hotel without paying bill

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REPORTER

More than 10 Tinian representatives to the recent annual Flame Tree Festival stayed for three nights at the

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Local

PSS winding up ARRA projects; to make full accounting of funds

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

Public schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are finalizing projects funded by the American Recovery Reinvestment Act to meet the deadline for completion at the end of this month.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan said the Public School System is also preparing a full report, which would include a complete accounting of all stimulus funds spent by public schools in renovating and modernizing its facilities.

The commissioner lauded

yesterday the collaboration shown by different PSS offices such as procurement and supply, capital improvement project office, and federal programs and fiscal budget office in ensuring that all projects are completed on time.

"Our mission is to accomplish all our ARRA projects by the deadline this month and I am very happy with the collaborative efforts of these offices in helping us to get where we are now. At present, all schools are winding down all their projects and are expected for completion very soon," said Sablan.

She said a special report will be released at the end of this month showing how PSS spent its ARRA funding.

PSS received a total of \$32.4 million in state fiscal stabilization funds that it is supposed to spend by Sept. 30, 2011. The grant's first phase totaled over \$22 million, while the second phase amounted to \$10.1 million.

This was by far the biggest investment for public schools in the past 23 years, *Saipan Tribune* learned. The last time PSS got a significant infusion of funds was in 1998, when

PSS received \$32 million from the general obligation bond. The money was used to build new schools.

Majority of ARRA funding was spent to modernize and repair existing school facilities. A large portion was also used to pay for the salaries of some classroom teachers, improve school and after-school programs, help teachers become highly qualified, and for student academic activities and programs. A portion of the grant was also used to pay for schools' utility bills.

In a visit to Hopwood Ju-



MONETH G. DEPOSA

The support staff of Hopwood Junior High School is seen installing brand new air-conditioning units at the campus. The units were funded by the federal state fiscal stabilization fund.

nior High School, maintenance workers were seen completing the installation of over 100 brand new air-conditioning units and upgrading the school's electrical system.

Hopwood principal Jonas Barcinas said yesterday that ARRA also funded the replacement of all classroom doors, the installation of typhoon shutters, and the extension of some walkways. Workers were also seen repainting the campus.

Hopwood alone got a little

over \$2 million in ARRA funds, Barcinas said.

"We're very excited to open the school year with a 'brand-new' campus. We're truly blessed and thankful for this federal assistance to our students," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

At Marianas High School, acting principal Cherlyn Cabrera said last week that the school is also busy completing the construction and repair of some facilities in time for the school opening in September.

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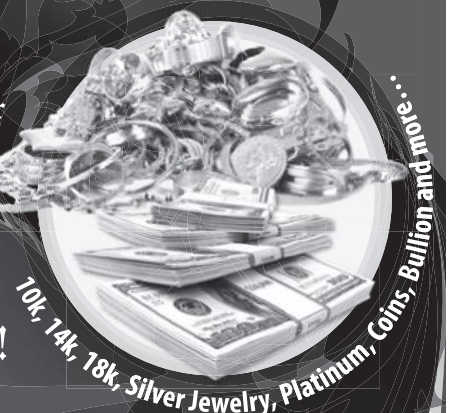
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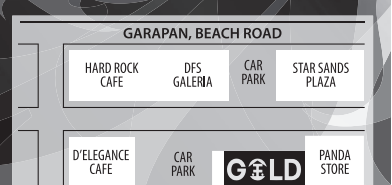


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Although Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan refused to specifically comment on the issue of former Marianas High School principal Craig Garrison, she, however, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that anyone who wants to return to public schools has to go through proper procedures.

This means filing an application for a vacant position and applicants' credentials being reviewed by the CNMI Public School System's human resource office.

Garrison resigned from his position last month, effective Sept. 1, due to differences with Sablan. He was then placed on administrative leave, prompting him to file a

complaint against Sablan with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. He later rescinded his resignation in a letter submitted to Sablan's office on Aug. 2.

Since then, there has been no official response by the commissioner or the human resource office about Garrison's status.

Cherlyn Cabrera is currently the acting principal of MHS.

Yesterday, Sablan described the issue about Garrison as a "personnel matter" and that she could not discuss it, according to policy. "I cannot comment on personnel issues," she said.

She emphasized, though, that PSS is an equal employment opportunity provider. "Certainly, anyone who applies for a position at PSS will



Sablan

be reviewed in terms of their applications. And if they meet the eligibility criteria, they will be established on the eligibility list for meeting the job vacancy announcement."

Sablan said that PSS has a number of competitive job



Garrison

announcements that are available right now. "And certainly, we welcome people within the Commonwealth to apply to PSS because we are the number one organization here."

With the full implementation of the highly qualified

personnel mandate—which requires PSS to hire only highly qualified personnel—PSS expects a number of positions to become vacant.

Garrison said yesterday that he is awaiting a response from HR director Charlie Kenty for clarification about the application process. He disclosed that he had a previous application as vice principal of Saipan Southern High School prior to his transfer to Marianas High School last school year. Garrison is both a highly qualified teacher and administrator.

He said he asked Kenty if there's a need for him to re-apply for the vice principal position, which he believes has an open FTE. He has yet to receive a response from the HR director as of press time.

Besides MHS, five other schools will have new administrators following last month's re-alignment: Jessica Barcinas-Taylor as the new principal of Tanapag Elementary School replacing Frances Ulloa; Yvonne Pangelinan as new principal of San Vicente Elementary School vice Joaquina Salas, who retired; Garapan Elementary has Pautette Sablan as the school's interim principal; James Sablan for San Antonio Elementary School; Martin Dalsaso was moved to Marianas High School as one of its vice principals. Annette Calvo as interim principal for Dr. Rita Inos Hocog Junior High School on Rota, vice Maria Quitugua who will become PSS assessment program coordinator.

PH consulate sets new work hours

The Philippine Consulate General will now have new working hours on weekdays to better serve Filipinos on island.

Consul General Medardo Macaraig said the Consulate will be open from 8am to 6pm during weekdays "in response to numerous requests from the Filipino community."

The new schedule took effect starting July 13.

"During these regular weekdays, consular services shall continue to be rendered by the Consulate during lunch hours," said Macaraig.

Macaraig noted that they will still continue to offer the One-Saturday or Sunday-A-Month consular services.

For the second half of 2011, the Consulate will be open on July 30, Aug. 21, Sept. 24, Oct. 23, Nov. 19, and Dec. 18.

During the One-Saturday

or Sunday-A-Month consular services, the Consulate will observe office hours from 9am to 4pm without lunch breaks.

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Mother and son arrested for alleged sex abuse of minor

■ 14-year-old girl became pregnant after alleged rape

■ Man also arrested on Saipan for alleged sex abuse of minor

A mother and son were arrested on Tinian on Monday, while a 38-year-old man was nabbed on Saipan that same day, for separate alleged sexual abuse of two female minors.

In the Tinian case, Alvin P. Lizama, 28, allegedly raped a minor, while his mother, Admanita P. Lizama, allegedly ignored the girl's complaint.

As a result of the rape, the girl became pregnant and delivered a baby in June 2011, police said.

Alvin Lizama was arrested for sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, sexual assault in

the first degree, and assault and battery. Admanita P. Lizama, 49, was arrested for child neglect, and failure to report.

In the Saipan case, Wayne Camacho Lizama, 38, allegedly touched the private parts of a 14-year-old girl and asked her to have sex with him. Wayne Lizama was arrested for sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree and disturbing the peace.

At yesterday's hearing, Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo imposed a \$50,000 cash bail on Alvin Lizama and \$25,000 cash bail

each for Admanita Lizama and Wayne Lizama.

Preliminary hearing will be on Aug. 18, 2011 at 9am.

Assistant attorney general Shelli Neal appeared for the government at the hearing.

Detective Joann A. Pangelinan stated in her report that police learned about the Tinian incident after the girl's mother told police on March 29, 2011, that Alvin Lizama had impregnated her 14-year-old daughter.

During detective Vince Mareham's interview with the victim, the girl said that Alvin Lizama began harassing her sometime in 2010 via text messages where he would tell her he loves her and other messages. The girl showed the messages to Admanita Lizama, who only told her to ignore her son because he was probably drunk.

Almost everyday, Alvin Lizama would allegedly send her text messages and the girl said she would just ignore him. One night in October 2010, however, she was surprised to see Alvin Lizama inside her room sitting on her desk. The girl woke up Alvin Lizama's son, who asked his father what he was doing inside the room and how he got there. Alvin Lizama left the room without saying anything. The girl and Alvin Lizama's son told Admanita Lizama what happened, but she didn't believe them.

The girl alleged that one time Alvin Lizama locked her in the room and raped her. The following day, the girl stayed all day inside her room, crying. She told Admanita Lizama what her son did to her. Admanita Lizama allegedly told her to stop lying.

As months passed by, the girl became bigger and bigger. She told Admanita Lizama to bring her to the hospital for a check-up, but Admanita Lizama told her she was just gaining weight. The girl was never checked at the hospital for seven months. She bought a pregnancy kit and that's how she found out that she was pregnant.

In the Saipan incident, detective Flora Danica Aguon stated in her report that on Feb. 23, 2011, a police officer was dispatched to a residence in Chinatown for a reported sexual abuse case.

Detective Aguon learned from the child and the family that Wayne Lizama touched the girl's private parts on Feb. 19 while they were in the car, prompting

her to slap his hand away.

Two days later, Wayne Lizama allegedly asked the girl to show him her private parts and have sex with him but she refused.

Wayne Lizama allegedly insisted, but when the girl refused again, he told her he was just testing her and that it was only a joke.

The detective said that during his interview with Wayne Lizama on July 4, the suspect claimed he only tickled the girl in the stomach and could not remember if he accidentally touched her private parts.

He also allegedly admitted that he wanted to see if the girl would be willing to have sex with him. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

TORRES

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wouldn't be able to attract major casino investors.

"I believe we can get major investors here," he said.

'No to exclusive license'

Torres, in a written statement yesterday, said he cannot support the "final draft" of HLB 17-44, CS1 in its present form.

"There are two major items in the bill that I disagree with, and these two items have created a 'new' bill that strays away from my original intent to encourage multiple investors to create new casino gambling enterprises for the benefit of the people of the Third Senatorial District and our Commonwealth's ailing financial health," he said.

Torres, one of the longest serving lawmakers in the CNMI, said he wants Section 207(a)(1)(B)(2), page 23, lines 15 thru 21 deleted. This provision allows the proposed casino commission to issue one exclusive license "subject to an advance amount not less than \$575 million due upon approval of the application. The period of exclusivity shall be 30 years."

Besides his own opposition to this exclusivity, Torres said there has been expert criticism against the idea of exclusivity and the problems of monopolizing the casino industry.

"It's also a pie-in-the-sky scheme that will discourage diversity and expansion of Saipan's business sector. It will further minimize the number of jobs for local residents, and it will make the five-member Commission useless if it happens. Even if no one comes forward with the exorbitant amount of the one-half-billion dollars for a 30-year license, it could cast further doubt over Saipan's fiscal leadership and sound financial planning," he said.

Torres also wants Section 207(a)(1)(C)(5), page 25, lines 16-20 deleted. This provision refers to a \$25 million advance payment payable upon issuance of a casino license.

Torres said this is an "exorbitant" amount of money to pay just for an application fee. "The idea of existing hotels becoming casinos in a short period of time

and having taxable casino gaming revenue spread over the future is the objective of this bill, which will provide continuous financial stability to the people of Saipan, the Northern Islands and the Commonwealth as a whole," he said.

Torres added that this provision also states that the Northern Marianas-descent casino will be exempt from these fees.

"I feel that all applicants should pay any applicable fees, including the \$200,000 application fee. After the fees are paid, they can be made qualified for a license with a minimum \$100 million investment or an existing hotel with 200 rooms or more," he said.

Slowdown

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, recognized that the two committees that he assigned to review the local casino bill have missed the deadline he set to come up with a committee report. These two committees are the Judiciary and Government Operations chaired by Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) and Ways and Means chaired by Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan).

Palacios, in a separate interview yesterday, said the committees will revise the casino bill now that they have received helpful information from a Macau-based casino expert. But he said the committees will slow down on the casino issue, as the fiscal year 2012 budget will now have their utmost priority.

Palacios said among the changes they are considering is limiting the number of casino licenses to two, with the option of adding a third one. He said they will scrap the exclusive license.

He also said the committees want to hear from and work with the Marianas Visitors Authority, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce on the idea of casino gambling and tourism in the CNMI.

But Palacios said he would like to tie in the casino business with Saipan's existing tourism industry.

"I would also like to urge the Chamber, which has some 150 members, to see if they can build a mall," he added.

CHC

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This is the first time that the committee has disclosed plans to extend by one year the effective date of CHC's privatization, which under the law should have been on July 15.

A Senate bill extending it to Oct. 1, 2011, to coincide with the start of fiscal year 2012 has been pending in the House of Representatives. But Basa said the panel is looking at amending the Senate bill to extend the conversion by one year.

Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) also said her committee has discovered changes or errors in the governor's budget submission, along with some discrepancies in figures between the Office of Management and Budget and department heads.

Taimanao's committee has been meeting with different departments on the 2012 budget.

Basa also said the governor's

proposed \$5 million budget for CHC is not enough even if it is extended a corporation by Oct. 1.

"Sad to say, if we were to let CHC go on their own, with the money that we're proposing to give, it would be outrageously not enough. From their data, this is not including federal funding," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

He said the government cannot just let a big organization such as CHC or the Department of Public Health go on their own "without making sure that we provide the necessary financial support until they are really ready on their own."

"We are trying to be as realistic as possible. We may give them one year [extension] because we don't want them to come in six months and say they're [still] not ready," Basa added.

Once CHC is fully turned into a corporation and given ample time, it will have the ability to go out and look for financing to address its monthly shortfall.

"They will also have the ability to raise their services, their rate so they can at least break even or be profitable. But at this time, and according to my [analysis] of the organization, they're really at a loss. They need more clarity as far as when this organization is going to be cut off, to become independent, how they are going to get there," he added.

The revised fiscal year 2011 budget of \$122 million is expected to further go down to \$102 million in 2012, said the Fitial administration. This huge drop is mainly because of the removal of appropriation for and revenue from CHC, which was expected to be turned into a corporation this year.

Basa said that CHC projects to generate some \$16 million in 2012, based on a monthly average of \$1.3 million in revenue. However, CHC's average monthly spending is \$3.1 million.

"So there's always almost \$2 million in shortfall every month," Basa said.

NEW

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of the hotel, Hofschneider asked for a meeting with the management to discuss the matter.

"I want to understand what really happened that this amount was generated and they were able to escape the place unbeknownst to you," Hofschneider said, adding that he was available on July 7 for a meeting from 12pm to 3pm.

Noel Roque, the hotel's restaurant manager/assistant general manager, said that Hofschneider and another Tinian senator, Henry San Nicolas, showed up at the July 7 meeting at the hotel's restaurant.

Roque said that it was former Tinian representative Edwin Aldan who made the reservations

for five rooms for the island's representatives to the festival.

Reyes and more than 10 people, including a child, occupied only three rooms from June 9 to 12.

On June 12 at noon, Reyes told the hotel staff that he would just drop the group at the airport on their way back to Tinian. Reyes reportedly asked the staff to extend his stay for another day.

Roque said that Reyes never returned to the hotel and actually joined the group on their way to Tinian.

Roque said the hotel staff thought Reyes was still in the room because he left the lights and the air-conditioning unit on.

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Reyes on Tinian, he apologized and assured that payment would be shouldered by Tinian lawmakers and that the amount would be given when the government's check is released.

Roque said that in his phone conversation with Sen. Hofschneider on June 20, the lawmaker promised to take care of the problem and had asked for 30 days to do it.

After several emails and phone calls to Hofschneider and with still no payment, the hotel's owner, Ken Mitsutsune, wrote to the senator on July 25 to resolve the matter amicably.

The owner stated that if payment is not possible, they have no choice but to bring legal action.

Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel, but left without paying their \$880 bill.

The hotel's management told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that Tinian Sen. Jude Hofschneider had promised to settle the account of the Tinian representatives led by Eric Reyes last June 20, but no payment has been provided until now.

Saipan Tribune emailed and texted Hofschneider and sent a separate email to Reyes yesterday for comment, but got no response as of press time.

In his July 5, 2011, email to

House debates, approves beneficiary derivative bill

» Some lawmakers want Retirement Fund, MVA boards fired

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Almost a year after its introduction, a controversial bill allowing retirees or beneficiaries of trusts to sue if the board refuses to do so, is now on its way to the governor for action after the measure passed the House yesterday.

The House debated on a conference committee report on Senate Bill 17-43 for about an hour before adopting it. The report was adopted by a vote of 15-4, with one absence.

Adoption of the committee report, which recommends passage of the compromise version of SB 17-43, meant that the House approves the bill's final version.

The compromise bill expands shareholder derivative actions to the NMI Retirement Fund so that individual beneficiaries can maintain lawsuits when trustees refuse to do so.

The four House members who voted "no" were Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), and Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan). Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) was off-island.

Ogumoro, during the session, repeatedly asked Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and her colleagues to hold off action on the bill until they hear from the Fund regarding its decision to also sue its former investment consultant, Merrill Lynch.

Camacho, for his part, said the bill's passage should now be considered "moot" because the Fund has already sued Merrill Lynch.

Michael Dotts, whose law firm represents the retirees in their case against Merrill Lynch, said he's "very pleased" with the passage of the bill that he said will be helpful to some 4,000 retirees.

"It's good for all the retirees and retirees should thank the Legislature for really helping out. It gives retirees a much stronger voice in managing their own Retirement Fund, which is very important to retirees," he told reporters.

Dotts said that, while retirees themselves can come forward and file a lawsuit if there's an issue with the board's decision, the bill does set parameters on what retirees can do.

"There are occasions where retirees feel the board has not acted in their best interest or someone else has not acted in the best interest of the retirees and retirees can't understand why the board does not take legal action against the third party that has done something that has harmed the Fund. This allows the retirees to actually go after the third party to stop the third parties from harming the Fund," he added.

Dotts said they believe the

governor will support the bill.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to get comments from Fund administrator Richard Villagomez and board chair Sixto Igisomar as of press time regarding the bill's passage. The Fund had opposed the bill.

The Senate passed the compromise bill on Aug. 3 by a vote of 5-1 with two abstentions and one absence.

Sen. Luis Crisostimo (Ind-Saipan) voted "no," while Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) abstained. Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Saipan) was absent.

The bill's full title is Senate Bill 17-43, Senate Draft 1, House Substitute 1, SD1, Conference Committee Substitute 2.

'Abolish Fund board'

During yesterday's House session, Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) said the House should now act on the bill that he said is "not a special interest bill but a bill to protect public interest." Demapan led the three conferees from the House.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) said he wondered why the conference committee did not introduce a resolution to abolish the Fund's board of trustees if somebody else is doing the board's job for them.

The retirees' lawsuit filed in October 2009 says that Merrill Lynch, along with the Fund trustees, provided "bad advice" to the trustees, resulting in the collapse of its stock investments.

They have since asked the

Fund to join the lawsuit against Merrill Lynch, to no avail until June 2011 when the Fund filed a counter-complaint against its former investment consultant.

Rep. Ray Palacios (Cov-Saipan) said the bill is not about the Fund board.

Ogumoro reiterated her request to call in Fund officials first before acting on the bill.

But Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan) said that lawmakers have already heard enough from the Fund on the issue. He also said the issue is not only about the current board but future boards.

"Let's pass this bill and send it to the governor," he said.

Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), House minority leader Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-

Saipan) and other members also called for action on the bill.

'Abolish MVA'

It was not only the Fund board that some lawmakers want abolished, but also the Marianas Visitors Authority board of directors during a discussion on Speaker Eli Cabrera's (R-Saipan) House Bill 17-209.

The bill seeks to change the composition of the MVA board by reducing the number of governor's nominees to the board and increase the number of board members chosen by existing MVA members.

Under HB 17-209, the governor will only be allowed to

nominate four members instead of the current five members, while MVA members can now choose five instead of only four to become board members.

The bill passed by a vote of 17-2.

Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) and Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan) voted "no."


"The best thing we could do about MVA is abolish it. It's very ineffective," said Tenorio.

Tenorio, a former governor and speaker, said the House should ask the governor to issue an executive order to reorganize MVA.

"I'm not supporting this bill," he said.

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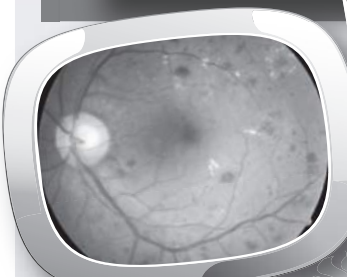
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NMC freezes hiring for 9 positions to sustain operations

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas College has frozen the hiring of nine positions this fiscal year due to the budget shortfall.

This is in addition to the work hour cuts enforced last month to sustain the college's operation through end of the fiscal year next month. This involves the reduction of eight hours per pay period and will be applied every other Friday.

In a statement yesterday, the college said these efforts are

aimed at reducing its operating expenses. NMC said it is also streamlining energy use and had shortened the summer session and other activities for the same purpose.

"The move was made to help ensure that the college's financial resources are sufficient to support student learning programs and services and to improve institutional effectiveness. The number of positions affected by the hiring freeze is nine," said the college in a statement to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

NMC's budget allotment

from April through Sept. 30, 2011, had been reduced by \$340,000—a drop of 7.58 percent. The original budget of \$4.4 million for fiscal year 2011 was cut to \$4.1 million. Based on the adjusted allocation, NMC only has \$1.8 million left until end of the fiscal year in September.

The NMC website showed no announcements of vacancies yesterday, and earlier announcement for part-time instructors had also been removed.

There are still positions, however, that are funded through federal funds that are exempt

from the freeze hiring. "In addition to exceptional and accomplished full-time faculty, the college also anticipates hiring adjunct instructors to teach courses for the upcoming fall 2011 semester," the statement said.

Despite the hiring freeze, NMC president Sharon Y. Hart and rest of the NMC leadership

expressed enthusiasm yesterday for the upcoming fall semester. Hart reassured students and the community that the quality of instruction remains consistently high and that instructional operations continue to run normally.

"The Northern Marianas College is committed to providing a high quality education to its students, and I want to assure

everyone in the community that our faculty and staff are working hard to ensure that our classes, student services, and other planned college activities are moving ahead at full speed for the fall semester," said Hart.

NMC employs about 200 personnel, including instructors, non-instructional faculty, staff, and administrators.

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Visiting students and staff of Dangjin Middle School from Korea pose for a group photo with officer in charge Henry Hofschneider and executive secretary Vinycia Seman of the Saipan Mayor's Office during a courtesy visit yesterday. The group arrived early Tuesday morning to learn more about the local culture during their four-day stay.

Saipan charms visiting Korean students

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REPORTER

Students and staff of Dangjin Middle School in Korea selected Saipan as their destination of choice despite receiving an invitation from another country.

Principal Hui Tae Kim, through interpreter Kitae Kim, said they liked Saipan so much that they chose to come back to the island for their 2011 trip.

Kim, along with 36 students, math teacher Hyeon Soo Kim, and English teacher Hyeo Chang Lee, arrived early yesterday morning.

The group made a courtesy visit to the Saipan Mayor's Office on the same day.

Hui Tae Kim said he and Hyeon Soo Kim were here in October to accompany the school's brass band, which performed in a concert at the Korean Presbyterian Church in celebration of the 2010 Korean Cultural Festival.

During the concert, the visit-

ing brass band performed with members of the Saipan Community School Brass Band.

Hyeon Soo Kim noted, however, noted that this trip involves the participation of Dangjin Middle School's top students.

According to Hui Tae Kim, the group is not really in high spirits when they left Korea since a typhoon recently passed through their country, even affecting their flight, which was delayed for about an hour and a half.

But upon waking up to the Saipan sunrise and seeing the island's tropical beauty made them feel good, said Hui Tae Kim.

Cultural gift, certificates

Henry Hofschneider, officer in charge of the Saipan Mayor's Office, presented Hui Tae Kim and student representative Hong Gwun Lin with certificates for their planned beach cleanup in Managaha today as part of their

community service.

In return, Hui Tae Kim handed over a cultural gift, a Korean mask, to Hofschneider to show their appreciation to the Mayor's Office staff.

Hui Tae Kim disclosed that their school, which has a population of about 1,300 students, plans to visit Saipan every two years. He added that they may also request students from Saipan to visit them in Korea next year.

Hofschneider said visits from student groups such as that of Dangjin Middle School help the island's tourism industry "tremendously."

"This would put Saipan on their map," he told reporters.

Hofschneider said the group would learn more about local culture that they could share with their families and friends back home.

"I hope that our island would give them much pleasure and their experience on island would be wonderful," he added.

Open auditions for FOA musical concert

Friends of the Arts has issued an audition call for its next production, a concert of Broadway songs composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Come share in making this event another memorable program for the community.

Titled "Andrew Lloyd Webber: Beyond Memories," the concert will be held on Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2.

Audition will be held on Aug. 19, from 6pm to 8pm, and Aug. 20 and 21, from 4pm to 6pm, at the MHS Gymnasium conference room—the room to the left as one walks through the door.

At the audition, you must be prepared to sing any song of your choice, preferably from a Broadway show. You must also be able to commit to rehearsal

schedules and concert dates.

Andrew Lloyd Webber is a legendary composer from his generation who elevated the modern musical with the phenomenal successes of Broadway shows like *Phantom of the Opera*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Evita*, *Cats*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and more. **(FOA)**

'Understanding society's diversity is key to NMI future'

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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In the face of a "dynamic and changing" CNMI community, the NMI Humanities Council plays an important role in acknowledging and understanding diversity in society and its impact on the future,

according to council board chair Tracy Guerrero yesterday.

"I think the Humanities Council's place is to foster a better understanding across the different cultures, understanding who we are and how we live and work together and what does that mean for us in the fu-

ture, what kind of future do we have," she said.

Guerrero, who was guest speaker at the regular membership meeting of the Rotary Club of Saipan, said that her vision for the council takes on the dynamic and changing composition of today's Commonwealth.

Buenaventura returns to Rotary



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Eli Buenaventura of Calvo's Insurance, left, is inducted back to the Rotary Club of Saipan by acting president Pete Shilling during the club's meeting yesterday.

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Calvo's Insurance general manager Eli Buenaventura was inducted back to the Rotary Club of Saipan during its meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday.

Rotary acting president Pete Shilling sponsored and inducted Buenaventura, who inadvertently said "masonry" instead of Rotary during his oath taking, which set the Rotarians laughing.

Shilling, who worked with Buenaventura in the Northern Marianas Insurance Association for the last four years, described the returning Rotarian as "very industry-minded and very ethical guy to work with."

"I am very happy to be able to sponsor Eli back into the Rotary Club and I am equally honored to be able to be inducting him today," he said.

Buenaventura, in his remarks, said he took a leave of absence from the Rotary for four years when his eldest son

attended college and recently finished his degree at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

"Now that he is done, it's time to give something back to the community," he said.

Buenaventura served as past president of the Filtaga Golfers Association and the Northern Marianas Tennis Association.

He was also the past master of Emon Lodge No. 179, a military lodge originally from Kwajalein Atoll of the Republic of the Marshall Islands that moved to Saipan in the early '90s when the U.S. downsized its military operations worldwide.

"Community involvement is not alien to me," said Buenaventura.

Buenaventura asked to be enlisted in the Rotary's various programs and looks forward to a more sociable and enjoyable interaction with the club, which is known for its motto, "Service Above Self."

"As the song line aptly puts it, love is lovelier the second time around," added Buenaventura.



CLARISSA V. DAVID

NMI Humanities Council board chair Tracy Guerrero, right, talks about the dynamic and changing CNMI community during her remarks at the Rotary Club of Saipan yesterday. Looking on is Rotary acting president Pete Shilling.

"The face of the Marianas is changing. It's not a new phenomenon," she said, adding that the change has occurred since the occupation of the Spaniards, Germans, Japanese, and Americans.

Guerrero, who was born and

raised on Saipan, said the community's diversity is particularly evident among the younger generation as school populations constitute more Filipinos, Chinese, and Thai students.

"Back then, it was pretty

much just Chamorros and maybe a few Caucasians and a few Japanese," she added.

Guerrero said there is not much integration among these diverse groups.

"I think we all have room to understand each other better certainly," she told reporters. "I think it's really important that we all really learn to understand each other better, understand and appreciate our differences and similarities."

According to Guerrero, the council has sponsored different projects that look into the Commonwealth's history and help promote understanding amid diversity.

"Looking back at that, at our history and understanding what those experiences have been and how they shaped who we are today, I think it will help us to understand where we will be headed into the future," she said.

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US Coast Guard suspends search for Pinoy seaman

HONOLULU—The Coast Guard suspended its search for a man overboard approximately 863 miles northeast of American Samoa at 5 p.m., Saturday.

An aircrew piloting an HC-130 Hercules airplane from Air Station Barbers Point was launched at 2:24am and arrived in the search area at 8:15am Friday. The aircrew saturated the search area covering a total area of 1,012 square miles.

Watchstanders in Joint Rescue Coordination Center Honolulu received a request for assistance in locating an overboard Filipino crewmember off the 172-foot fishing vessel *Hung-Yi* at 9:44pm Thursday. The request originally came from RCC Taipei and was sent to both RCC New Zealand and JRCC Honolulu. (PR)

ABA votes to expand voting body to include US territories

The ABA gave each of the U.S. Pacific territories its own seat in the House of Delegates yesterday during the annual meeting in Toronto.

Under the proposal, Constitutional Amendment 11-2, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands (actually a commonwealth), who shared a joint seat, now will each have its own seat. American Samoa also will have its own seat in the House. Previously, American Samoa had no representation. With the addition of these seats, the size of the House of Delegates will increase from 566 to 568.

Joaquin C. Arriola, senior partner at Arriola, Cowan & Arriola, in support of the resolution, spoke to the long history of attendance of representatives from the territories at the House sessions and the diverse body of ABA-member practicing lawyers in each territory.

"We ask that you stand with your fellow American lawyers in territories, as small as they may be, and as far away as they may be," Arriola said.

The issue of representation of the Pacific territories dates back to 1993 when the House approved a recommendation that would give the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam the opportunity to share a single seat.

American Samoa first petitioned for a delegate seat in 2009, but that request was deferred to give the credentialing body time to review representation from all U.S. territories. Last year, a measure was defeated that would give each of the three territories its own seat. The Virgin Islands has had a seat in the House since 1989. (ABA Journal)

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug. 10, 1999

Law allows DPH to realign funds for medical referral

The government yesterday granted authority to Public Health Sec. Joseph Kevin Villagomez to tap available resources from the department to fund anticipated shortfall in the medical referral program. Acting Gov. Jesus R. Sablan signed into law a measure passed by the Legislature last month which provides for the reprogramming authority to the secretary in order to prevent a budget deficit under the program for the next two months or until the end of Fiscal 1999 in Sept. 30. "This legislation would assist the Department of Public Health to settle outstanding and projected Medical Referral Program's financial obligations," he said in signing Public Law 11-91.

Manglona: Don't leave out Rota

With the planned improvements in Saipan and Tinian airports, Rota Mayor Benjamin T. Manglona has appealed to the Commonwealth Ports Authority to begin planning for the extension of Rota International Airport runway. While he commends CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas for planning ahead for Saipan and Tinian, Manglona said he hopes the ports authority will do the same for the island municipality. "We also want to encourage you to be equally concerned about Rota's future. Rota's economic success depends on good and reliable air transportation," he said. The runway improvement, Manglona noted, is an important component of the island's economic development to stimulate Rota's growth especially its tourism industry.

Aug. 10, 2000

\$600K earmarked for Saipan projects

Over \$600,000 were earmarked by the House of Representatives for various infrastructure projects on Saipan under three appropriation bills passed during the second day of its second regular session. The biggest chunk of the funding will go to construction of covered sidewalks in full compliance with federal accessibility standards for Garapan and Oleai Elementary Schools. The plan will cost \$300,000 in government funds coming from re-appropriation of remaining balance from earlier capital improvement projects. Another \$310,000 in CIP funding balance will also be shifted to finance much-needed infrastructure projects in Kagman, San Vicente, Koblerville and San Antonio, such as a public toilet and completion of a baseball field.

Health care provider seeks \$2-M from NMIRF

A Hawaii-based health care provider is demanding payment of over \$2 million from the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund to recover expenses it had spent for CNMI patients brought to the island state for medical treatment. NMIRF Administrator Juan S. Torres said he was surprised to find out about the huge amount, which the Fund reportedly owes the health care company. A meeting is scheduled to be held between Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio, the Commonwealth Health Center and the Medical Referral Office to discuss the problem. Torres said he wanted a detailed evaluation of individual billings to find out who among the people brought to Hawaii should be taken care of by the NMIRF.

Aug. 10, 2001

Legislature earmarks \$77M for CIPs

More than \$77 million in government funds have been set aside by the Legislature for several Capital Improvement Projects, as well as the development of the Chinatown sewerage system in Garapan. The money for these projects will be sourced from CDA Bond proceeds and interest, Covenant Section 702 funding, and unused money appropriated under Public Law 10-41, as outlined by two bills that were recently passed by the Senate. House Bill 12-374, also known as the Capital Improvement Projects Act of 2001, allocates a total of \$50.19 million for capital improvement projects that may be identified by each senatorial district. The projects must be consistent with those specified in the revised CNMI 702 CIP Master Plan.

New business defies slowdown

As it has always been said, there's an upside from every downside. With this in mind, CNMI-based businessmen are defying the odds of the four-year-old economic crisis as indicated by the sprouting of small- and medium-scale establishments throughout the Northern Marianas. Business analysts say "diversity" is the key word in times like these and diversification is, indeed, what a locally-owned company has adopted to remain afloat in a period when some have scuttled. Already operating a myriad of business activities that include hardware, department store and fast-food restaurant, YCO Corporation sees an opportunity to further the company's growth in the motoring sector.



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A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **August 17, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-048, Geothermal Energy Development on Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **September 6, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email in PDF format, to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

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Executive Director

Notorious copper wire thief gets 1 year

Convicted copper wire thief Shabbo C. Sablan has been sentenced to a year in prison for his role in the burglary at the building of Shirley's Coffee Shop and Restaurant in Susupe.

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Sablan yesterday to 18 months in prison, all suspended except for one year—without parole—with credit for the eight months and 11 days he had already served. Sablan will be released on Nov. 15, 2011.

Sablan was arrested on Nov.

15, 2010, with Roland R. Kai-pat and Theodore O. Pehnos, after they were caught burglarizing the building of Shirley's Coffee Shop.

Police saw copper wires that were already skinned and ready for transport in the generator room of the building. The damage to the electrical system at the restaurant and the building was estimated at \$10,435.20.

In April 2011, Pehnos pleaded guilty to burglary and was sentenced to six months in prison. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy birthday Rey Belgado, who is celebrating his special day today, Aug. 10! Greetings come from Elvie and friends. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



Happy 8th birthday to Danika Jayries I. Tagabue! May you be blessed with more wonderful and joyful years to come. Love you always, your sisters, Mom, Dad, and families. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**



Happy birthday Grandpa Jose R. Santos! Hope you enjoy your special day, with many more to come! Love always, Loutricia, Joe, and Lathania.

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TO EASE OVERCROWDING AT HOPWOOD: Rezoning of public middle school students effective this year

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REPORTER

Hopwood Junior High School will finally be rid of its age-old problem of overcrowding at its campus. The Public School System has authorized the rezoning of some villages to reduce the influx of students at the Commonwealth's largest middle school.

Hopwood principal Jonas Barcinas, who is also the principals' representative for secondary schools, said yesterday that it is the objective of the rezoning to remedy overcrowding at Hopwood.

Last school year, Hopwood had over 1,300 middle school students. As of yesterday, its enrollment was at 1,186, Barcinas said.

He said an estimated 200 more students may be added to the student population at Chacha Oceanview Junior High due to the rezoning. Chacha was home to 300 to 400 students for many years.

Barcinas said that many students who graduated from Tanapag, Gregorio T. Camacho, and San Vicente elementary schools will be accommodated at Chacha Oceanview. Students from these villages used to go to Hopwood.

Saipan Tribune learned that Hopwood's 1,186 enrollees are from the Dandan, Oleai, Koblerville, Garapan, San Antonio, and William S. Reyes elementary schools, as well as some areas in San Vicente.

Barcinas said that rezoning

will solve the overcrowding problem at Hopwood that often resulted in high students-to-teacher ratio and lack of classroom space. He said that parents have been notified of this move.

Last school year, PSS rezoned some areas in San Antonio and Koblerville to reduce the number of students at Marianas High School and place more students at Saipan Southern High School. MHS ended the school year with 1,295 students.

Hopwood, according to Barcinas, is ready to open next month with 43 highly qualified teachers. It needs six more teachers for science, social studies, and language arts.

"I am very optimistic that we can fill those positions before the opening of classes,"

he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Despite the anticipated influx of more students, Chacha principal Vince Dela Cruz expects almost the same or just a slight increase in student population. He said that Chacha will no longer accommodate sixth graders from Kagman Elementary School beginning this new school year as they will stay with KagES. The additional enrollees from some areas will offset the sixth graders the school will take out next month.

According to Dela Cruz, Chacha has 350 students as of yesterday and is ready to open classes with 13 teachers and 25 classrooms. He said he needs only two more teachers for language arts and social studies before classes open.

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GOP vs Mother Nature

House Republicans, especially those of the “tea party” ilk, think they know the cause of our country’s economic woes: environmental regulations. As a result, they loaded up the appropriations bill that funds the Interior Department and the Environmental Protection Agency with dozens of riders that would encourage deadly pollution of the air and water, set back efforts to reduce greenhouse gases and allow uranium mining near the Grand Canyon, among other things. Such riders are commonplace on annual appropriations bills, but Washington insiders say they’ve never seen such a breathtaking assault on the environment.

If there was any good news from the chaos surrounding last week’s deal to raise the federal debt ceiling, it’s that the drawn-out congressional debate over the issue distracted GOP representatives from passing this monstrosity. The Interior appropriations bill will resurface after the August recess, but now it’s unclear whether the House will approve it as a stand-alone bill or combine it with other appropriations bills into an omnibus spending package; also unclear is whether the anti-environment riders will survive the process. It’s very important that they don’t.

If a moratorium on uranium mining near the Grand Canyon is ended, as one rider proposes, it could potentially result in contamination of the Colorado River, a key source of L.A.’s water. Another rider would block the Obama administration’s most significant environmental action to date, ending plans to set tough fuel-economy rules for vehicles built between 2017 and 2025—in one fell swoop, this rider would waste billions of barrels of oil, cost consumers money at the pump and worsen air pollution. Other riders would block protections against the environmentally ruinous practice of mountaintop coal mining, forbid the EPA from limiting lung-clogging soot, allow unregulated discharge of pesticides into waterways and delay the EPA from regulating greenhouse gas emissions from power plants and refineries.

Why are House Republicans so mad at Mother Nature? “Many of us think that the over-regulation from the EPA is at the heart of our stalled economy,” Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, told the New York Times. Actually, it was a failure to properly regulate the mortgage industry that caused the meltdown, not environmental protections that have been in place, through economic good times and bad, since the 1970s. Nor are planned regulations that won’t go into effect for years the source of our current financial problems. But they do make a convenient scapegoat for those who would rather not discuss further regulation of the financial industry.

Not a single one of these riders should become law, and President Obama should make good on an administration threat to veto any bill that contains them.

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You can go to hell, I am going to Texas

We seem to notice T-shirts these days. Our title was on one of the passengers ahead of me at the HNL international airport lined up for Homeland Security clearance, not usually the fast line at any airport. I bothered to cast our ¿como esta? and we caught the smile on his face that loosened the conversation off his Tejano tongue.

He was a young el gente del Houston traveling with his wife and three daughters. They must not have traveled on a plane recently cause they brought their soda cans and bottled waters with them. When they discovered they had to throw them away, they offered them to those in the line. Amazingly, there were no takers for the carbonated sugar waters but the mineral ones went fast; sodas went to the bin.

When he found out I went to school in Dallas, Texas, he brightened up some and our typically Texan Texicano was proud to affirm his T-shirt’s message. He also had a que sera, sera attitude, which was a fresh relief compared to the Anglos’ (Haoles in Hawaii) behavior who were up in arms at our check-in counter when the flight was delayed.

The flight was ready on the tarmac, but the crew came in late in their previous flight; Continental was obligated to accord them a required rest time before getting them to another jet bird’s cockpit and galley. However, it meant not a few inconveniences to passengers connecting to other flights early Monday morning. My SFO connection was moved three hours later, and trying to make amends, the airport crew checked in my book bag at no extra cost. Consequently, we landed in SF without my book bag and my blood pressure medicine!

The irate passengers within my hearing were of two kinds. The first were angry because the system would not budge to accommodate their wishes. There is a contractual agreement in place that cannot be lightly abrogated, by gum! The second group wanted to be pacified for their inconvenience with a voucher for a free flight, or, at least an in-flight or airport beverage and/or meal. There was an atmosphere of rights being violated or taken for granted that needed to be satisfied, by gum!

This sense of right’s violation appeared more like the response of children rather than adults, and as the insistence to meet one’s entitlement intensified, so the inner rigidity of spoiled brats made more manifest.

It is not very helpful to characterize a whole nation as a people of spoiled brat who want lollipops from the sample of the behavior of the passengers but there is a confrontational nature parading in the garb of moral indignation and an air of self-righteousness, not unlike the response of the tea party or the progressive liberals to the recent debt ceiling legislation.

We do not find this surprising as, in our previous incarnation in the fellowship of those who try to show compassion for the disen-

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franchised and the marginalized, our internal resolve developed in direct proportion to our desire to be effective advocates for other people’s rights, turning us often into moralistic demagogues and self-righteous pricks.

Older siblings often have a tendency to play dictatorial elder and a cousin in Honolulu is often at odds with his older brother because, though retired at past 60, the older brother from California comes in and tells everyone how to live their lives right.

We are the stories we create or created for us, which are invariably part true and part fiction. An elder sister was once the butt of family jokes about being mistakenly mixed up during WWII at the hospital where she was born when the lights were turned off during air raids. It was my Dad’s attempt at humor and to explain why sister’s physical features differed from the other siblings. It was not until she was 40 that she finally exploded in protest against the demeaning and patently untrue story.

The story of our youngest brother was that of the simpleton whose cognitive faculties were not suited for academic work so he was enrolled in vocational training in high school. He has since spent his career to contravene that image, but he also acts as if he is the only one responsible and capable enough to handle the affairs of our parents.

In America, perdition is being in a dysfunctional relationship; hell is when the hallowed family relations no longer work at all. Both in the CNMI is living the illusion that all is well with the Chamolinian family!

The reality of the family as the stable unit of society went with the collapse of agricultural economy, and even the nuclear family unit of the industrial revolution that prominently defined America’s post-WWII filial reality, with its current high rate of divorce at more than half of legalized conjugal relationships, the stable family unit of our hopes and dreams no longer abides.

The last bastion of sanity is in the individual mind. And there lies the challenge of anything we do today to define the nature of our humanity. While I am ultimately heading to Texas in this voyage and pilgrimage, I am joining folks from around the country to reflect on what it means to wrestle realistic living in our time. Anyone who has watched reality shows lately will understand that to confront reality is like staring hell in the face. And yes, we will do that in Texas!

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Revisiting ETC issue

Nearly 14 years ago, the Education Tax Credit or ETC was approved into law with the intent to assist in the education of our children Marianas-wide. However good its intention, it also has shortcomings that leave the program rudderless and subject to abuse by the unscrupulous bunch.

For instance, published reports have it that some in the Korean language school may have made misrepresentations in their application for ETC status. This alleged anomaly demonstrates the lack of an instructive legal framework detailing how to secure ETC status or benefits or the obvious need for a set of rules mandating recipients of ETC funds for an explanation of fund proposed expenditure. In short, a more thorough legal requirement should be included for the application process.

The lack of a legal framework only raises more questions, i.e., how do donors secure assurance of equitable distribution of funds? How do donors know that teachers are in fact qualified to teach especially in private schools not subject to PRAXIS requirements as in the case of PSS? Shouldn't a standard be set for this purposes including the school's syllabus and courses being taught? How can donors be assured that their money is spent on pupils instead of lavish spending on items far removed from improving student performance?

The issues raised aren't intended to complicate ETC qualifying status and collateral concerns as much as the refinement of the law that clearly discourages abuse of ETC. It should place priority in strengthening our collective efforts to ensure equitable distribution of funds covering as many students as possible over funneling more ETC money to schools that aggressively market their wares. Perhaps a governing body ought to pave the way for a sure-footed administration of ETC funds.

You see, there's strong enthusiasm to assist on the part of donors but they want to ensure that the program isn't abused. They are saying that their new home needs assistance too in, i.e., community-oriented programs to make these isles the ideal place as home for their children. So rather than chance abuse, it may be best to remit donations into the local treasury where greater is

attained for everyone.

Recommendation:

The Legislature, through its Legislative Bureau, could look into publications how the IRS provided procedures for similar programs, though designed for higher education.

It includes scholarships, fellowships, grants and tuition reductions; American Opportunity Credit; Lifetime learning credit; who is an eligible student, who can claim a dependent's expenses; dealing with student loan; tuition and fees deduction; Coverdell Education Savings Account; Qualified Tuition Program—what the program is about, how much can you contribute, are distributions taxable?

The IRS publication explains tax benefits that are available for parents who are saving or paying education costs for their children. Although limited to higher education, reviewing the law, rules and regulations for purposes of improving ETC ought to discourage any exploitation of the program by unscrupulous businessmen who chance exploiting it for financial gains rather than the education of CNMI pupils.

It's a good set of publication to review when revisiting the current law in hopes of ascertaining the purposeful intent of the law and in attaining fairness in the equitable distribution of ETC funds. It would be a step in the right direction. I know that generous donors are interested to see that their contributions are spent on students over lavish expenses that rob students of real quality education. It's good to get on the ball before schools open early next month.

Any abuse would discourage donors from continuing their generous contributions and would likely prefer remitting their taxes to the CNMI coffers where it is used on an equitable basis or for improvements to make the Northern Marianas community a better place for everyone. We should congratulate the first legislator who steps up to the plate to improve the current ETC law. The time to do it is now before schools open their doors next month.

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Erratic behavior of politicians

It is admirable when policy makers take the proactive role to

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improve the devastated economy with innovative policies designed to improve upon what has worked here even before the war. But this isn't happening. In fact, both the administration is into instant gratification by pouting, through an expert, that casino could work here on Saipan.

They have ignored the downgrading of the federal government's triple A rating that sent markets everywhere running for cover. It illustrates their penchant for instant coffee mindset over earning our trophies the old fashioned way. It boggles the mind that even the casino expert warned us not to expect large investors, a humble admission that our dreams of glitz and glamour would be but a pipe dream.

Furthermore, that we must not expect large investments in this industry confirms the quiet suspicion of our people that it isn't going to work here on an exponential basis. Otherwise, the largest casino players from Vegas and Macau would have set up shop here a long time ago. They haven't done that, given that their market study declares that the next venue is Japan! It look forward to making money from the 2.6 million wealthy Japanese who wish to dump some of their money somewhere closer to home. How many wealthy folks does the CNMI have? Five? Ten? Nothing can be further from the truth!

We may be poor, but I'm not ready to permanently ruin the peaceful and harmonious way of life in favor of decisions dictated by the corrupt few. *Mamoble hit lau maigontentu yan man-magof lokue' tautauta gi dididi' na guinahan niha. Finanaguen guelu para ta gosa finachucho' ta, ti finacho 'chu' yan disposition otru. Biba natibu!*

Today's politicians could learn from Eisenhower

When Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected president in 1952, he came to office convinced that among the obligations he assumed was that of calming the nation. His predecessors, Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Harry Truman, had governed through a series of crises and calamities—World War II, the Berlin Crisis, the Soviet atomic bomb, the Korean War, the 1952 steel strike—and Ike believed that Washington's fixation with crisis was unsettling to the American people and destabilizing to the economy.

With that in mind, he set out to project an aura of calm command, and consistently sought a place between the anti-communist Republicans who anchored the right wing of his party and the New Deal Democrats who pulled that party to its left. It was, Eisenhower liked to say, his "Middle Way," a "practical working basis between extremists" arrived at through patient and temperate negotiation.

Few lessons of Eisenhower's era have been more lost on the heirs to his political legacy. The events of the past two weeks have included many political sins, but among the most striking is the rush of America's leaders to court crisis rather than exhibit sober, sound leadership. For weeks, Republican House members risked economic calamity by their refusal to raise the debt ceiling—an act that dozens of Congresses have routinely approved in the decades since Eisenhower's presidency. Some seemed to enjoy it. As Rep. Michele Bachmann said glibly: "Someone has to say no. I will." And House Speaker John Boehner fairly shouted when he proclaimed, "I stuck my neck out a mile."

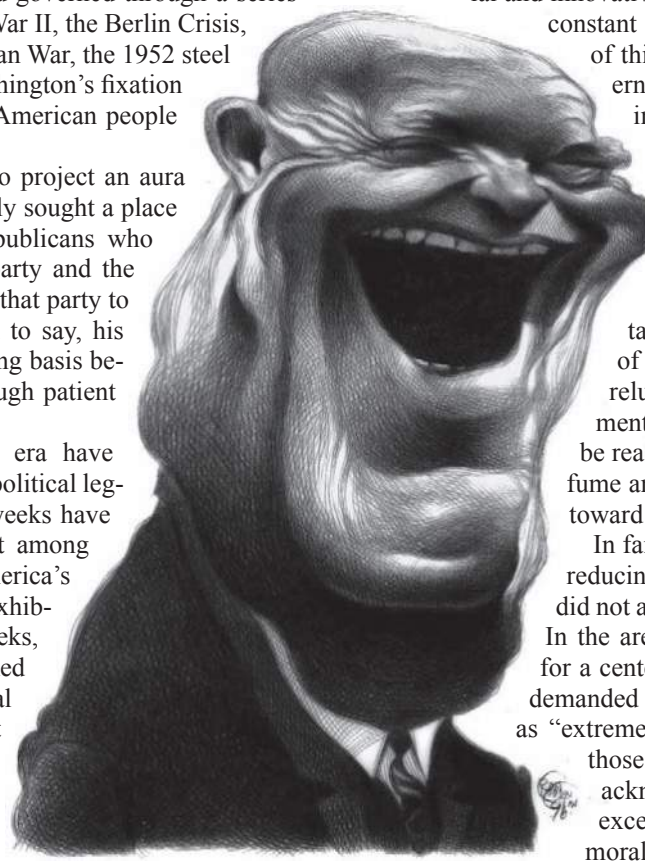
In public, Eisenhower would not be caught shouting or boast-

ing (in private, he had a withering temper), but his devotion to subdued leadership was founded on more than personal style. He believed that the American people were naturally industrious and that, left alone, American business was entrepreneurial and innovative. He was convinced that a sense of constant crisis inhibited the natural instincts of this culture, and that a restrained government would give room for American individualism to flourish.

Some of those same notions, though expressed in different language, underscore the stakes today. The few calm voices in our politics warn that business and investment are paralyzed by uncertainty. Millions of Americans are out of work in part because employers are reluctant to add jobs while the government is so tumultuous. No business can be reassured by congressional leaders who fume and bicker as the government careens toward the precipice.

In fairness, Eisenhower's commitment to reducing tensions and seeking compromise did not always serve him or the country well. In the area of civil rights, he sought in vain for a center, imagining falsely that those who demanded recognition of their rights were just as "extreme" as those who sought to suppress those rights. Indeed, Eisenhower himself acknowledged that there should be an exception for compromise in matters of moral urgency, though he unfortunately did not place civil rights in that category.

But even there, his legacy is instructive. For congressional Republicans who were willing to jeopardize America's credit, it would be a defense to say that they were taking a stand on a matter of moral principle. If so, however, what is the great prin-



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ciple that undergirded this fiasco? Is it immoral to raise the debt ceiling, as such stalwart conservatives as Ronald Reagan did so often without incident? Or is the moral abomination, perhaps, the willingness to raise taxes, as Obama had hoped to do as part of a larger deficit-reduction package?






The latter is closer to the Republican mark, but it, too, falls apart as a moral proposition. John Podesta, who served as chief of staff in the Clinton White House, recently pointed out to the U.S. Conference of Mayors that the entire amount of revenue that Obama was seeking could have been achieved merely by allowing the Bush tax cuts to expire, returning the top marginal tax rate in the U.S. code from 35 percent to 39 percent, where it was when Clinton left office. As Podesta noted, the country hardly seemed afflicted by the Clinton-era rates; the economy grew, many Americans prospered, and Clinton actually produced budget surpluses.

In fact, those surpluses were the first—and last—by any president since, yep, Eisenhower. And the Eisenhower prosperity—rapid economic growth and real, sustained increases in household income—occurred in an era when the top bracket of taxpayers paid federal income taxes of 91 percent on all income above \$400,000 a year (admittedly, a lot of money in 1959). In light of that history, can a 4 percent rise in the top marginal rate of taxes constitute such a moral imperative that elected leaders are entitled to refuse to compromise on principle? Eisenhower believed in balanced budgets, and unlike his successors, he actually delivered them. That's because he was a leader, not a shouter.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 76
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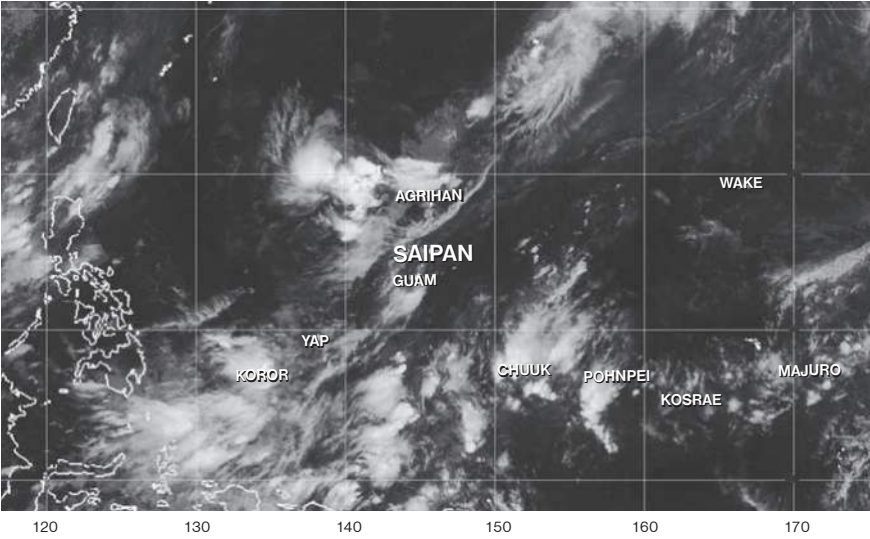
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Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▼ 53
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 76 ▼ 61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 63 ▼ 48
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New York	Thunderhowers	▲ 87 ▼ 68
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 92 ▼ 79
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 76 ▼ 56
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Rome	Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 66
Salem	Sunny	▲ 80 ▼ 55
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 56
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 76
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 91 ▼ 80
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 92 ▼ 70

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Saipan Harbor				
3:26 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
11:17 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet	
6:41 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
11:36 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends eastward from 14N130E to a weak circulation centered west of Saipan at 15N140E then turns northeastward to beyond 25N at 150E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found just north of the circulation within 150 miles of 18N139E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found within the converging south and southwest winds east and south of the circulation within 170 miles of a line from 3N136E to 8N141E to 12N142E to 16N141E. This area is just east of Yap and Koror and just west of the Marianas. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east and southeast of Guam within 100 miles of a line from 1N146E to 13N148E and over Chuuk and Pohnpei within 150 miles of a line from 6N150E to 6N159E. A surface trough extends east-northeastward from south of Kosrae at 2N164E across the Marshall Islands to 8N179E. Scattered showers are found near Kosrae and Kwajalein within 110 miles of a line from 3N163E to 7N169E and just east of Majuro east of a line from 10N170E to 1N176E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:01 AM	6:43 PM
Thursday	6:02 AM	6:43 PM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:42 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:42 PM
Sunday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:52 PM	2:29 AM
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Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 400	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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Business

Stocks plunge—Dow posts 6th-biggest point loss

By PAUL WISEMAN
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

The stock market buckled Monday under the weight of a crisis in Europe and danger of recession at home. Reeling from a downgrade of American debt, the Dow Jones industrials plunged 634 points.

It was the worst day for the market since the financial crisis in the fall of 2008 and extended Wall Street's sudden, sharp decline. Stocks have lost 15 percent of their value in just two and a half weeks.

Monday was the first trading day since Standard and Poor's downgraded the United States' risk-free credit rating, and the selling started at the opening bell. The Dow dropped 250 points in minutes. For the rest of the day, investors looked for safer places for their money. With few buyers left for stocks, the market could only drift lower.

The Dow finished the day down 5.5 percent. The point decline was the worst since Dec. 1, 2008, and the sixth-steepest ever. The average ended at 10,809.85, its first close under 11,000 since November.

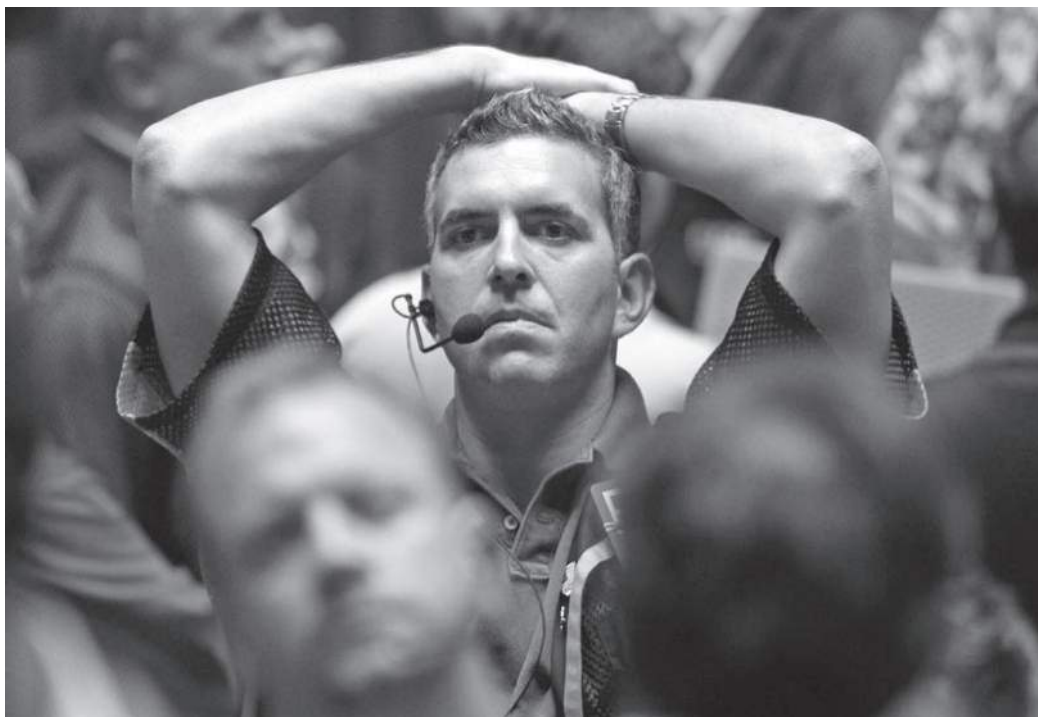
The turmoil in the U.S. markets was the end of a day-long rout that swept the world. Stocks lost 4 percent in South Korea and 2 percent in Japan, then 5 percent in Germany and 4 percent in France.

The selling picked up again early Tuesday in Asia. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index was off nearly 5 percent, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng index shed more than 7 percent.

In the U.S., stocks fell even though Moody's, another major credit rating agency, stood by its top rating of Aaa for the United States. It said it could downgrade the U.S. if it did not cut its deficit, "but it is early to conclude that such measures will not be forthcoming."

In a bit of irony following the S&P downgrade, investors decided U.S. debt was one of the safest places to be. They also sought refuge in gold, which set a record price.

"The S&P downgrade of U.S. government debt is the least of our problems," said economist Scott Brown at Raymond James & Associates. "The bigger worry is subpar economic growth and the threat of a



Trader Patrick Garvey reacts after the close of trading in the S&P 500 Futures pit, on the floor of The CME Group Monday, Aug. 8, 2011, in Chicago.

new recession."

Economists at Goldman Sachs peg the chances of another recession at one in three, most likely in the next six to nine months. The threat was barely talked about earlier this summer.

The U.S. economy grew at a feeble 0.8 percent annual pace

the first half of 2011, its slowest since the end of the Great Recession in June 2009. Manufacturing and consumer spending have slowed dramatically.

Oil prices plunged 6 percent to the lowest price of the year Monday—\$81.31 a barrel. Investors predict a weakening

economy means that consumers and businesses will buy less gasoline.

Financial markets were not comforted by an afternoon statement by President Barack Obama, who said Washington needs more "common sense and compromise" to tame its debt.

US debt downgrade could mean rate hikes for all

NEW YORK (AP)—Lawmakers weren't able to prevent the country from losing its coveted AAA debt rating.

Although the downgrade late Friday by Standard & Poor's was historic, it wasn't entirely unexpected. The three main credit agencies, which also include Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Ratings, had warned during the fight over the debt ceiling that if Congress did not cut spending far enough, the country faced a downgrade.

And just like a lower consumer credit score implies that a borrower is a less reliable, a lower credit rating for government bonds implies there is more risk involved in lending money to the government.

Prices for U.S. government debt rose in the first few hours of trading on Monday, a sign of increased demand despite the downgrade. But it is unclear what will happen in the long term, because of the unprecedented nature of the lower rating and the decisions by Moody's and Fitch to keep their highest ratings for now.

"If they all were saying exactly

the same thing that would clearly have more impact than with a split rating," Alex Pollack, a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington.

If investors get skittish and Treasury prices reverse course, that could send the interest rate on Treasury bonds up. Essentially, the rate, or yield, would climb in order to make the bonds more attractive to investors. That could lead to higher borrowing rates for consumers, because the rates on mortgages and other loans are often pegged to the yield on Treasury bonds.

Not every type of consumer borrowing has a direct tie to the government's credit rating, but there are potential ripple effects for individuals.

Mortgage and home equity loans

S&P's downgrade may have several implications for homeowners.

For starters, early Monday S&P downgraded the credit ratings of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which are both backed by the U.S. government. That could mean

higher mortgage rates for new borrowers. Freddie and Fannie together own or guarantee about half of all mortgages in the U.S.

Anyone hoping to buy a home in the near future likely has some time before they'll see rates climb. Still they should ask their bank or mortgage broker about the process for locking in a rate. Mortgage rates have been at historic lows in recent months, but fixed-rate mortgages are typically directly tied to the yield on 10-year Treasury bonds. Higher mortgage rates would follow any increase in the Treasury yield. But so far it appears that Treasury yields won't rise simply as a result of the downgrade.

Variable rate mortgages and home equity loans could become more expensive as well.

The high failure rate for adjustable rate mortgages during the housing meltdown means that today the number of new home loans with adjustable rates is minimal—less than 5 percent of the market, according to Stephen Malpezzi, an economics professor at the University of Wisconsin Business School who follows the housing market.

What's less clear is how many older loans with adjustable rates remain out there, he said. With interest rates low in recent years, many homeowners who held adjustable rate mortgages have refinanced to fixed-rates. For homeowners who still have ARMs, any potential change in their interest rates depends on whether their loan was linked to Treasury rates or some other benchmark, like the prime rate or federal funds rate.

Meanwhile, home equity loans, or HELOCs, are almost always variable rate loans and typically adjust more frequently than first mortgages, sometimes even monthly.

Homeowners with such loans could see shifts in their rates and payments while the markets absorb the downgrade.

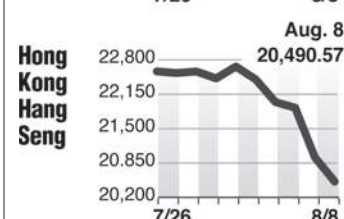
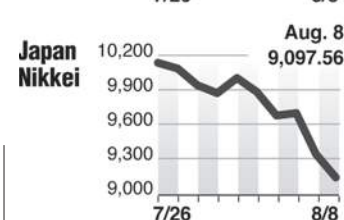
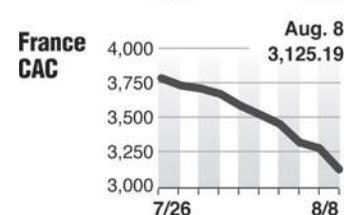
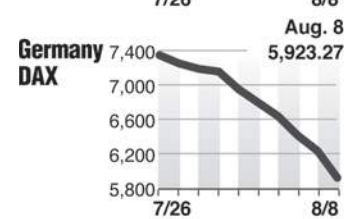
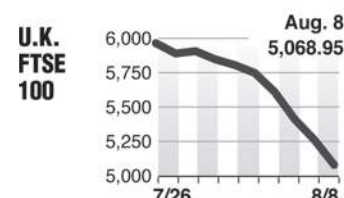
One caveat is that many ARMs and most HELOCs are tied to the federal funds rate, which is set by the Federal Reserve, not to Treasuries. That should help insulate borrowers. The Fed, which meets Tuesday, has already said that it plans to keep rates low for "an extended period."

"The Fed is not likely to in-

crease the federal funds rate anytime in the near future, especially if there's another problem with the economy as a result of the whole debt ceiling thing," said Gibran Nicholas, chairman of the Certified Mortgage Planning Specialist Institute.

Markets slide

Prices at close Monday



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China inflation rises to 37-month high in July

BEIJING (AP)—China's inflation rose to a 37-month-high in July, adding to pressure on Chinese leaders to cool living costs while keeping economic growth on track as the U.S. and European outlook worsens.

Consumer prices in the world's second-largest economy rose 6.5 percent over a year earlier, up from June's 6.4 percent, data showed Tuesday. That was driven by a 14.8 percent jump in food costs, up from June's 14.4 percent and well above the government's 4 percent target for the year.

The jump in prices came despite a slowdown in manufacturing and other economic activity in July following repeated interest rate hikes and other curbs imposed to cool an

overheated economy.

Beijing has to strike a difficult balance between stopping inflation and easing its controls to support Chinese companies as U.S. and European demand weakens, said IHS Global Insight analyst Alistair Thornton.

"They're in a really tough position now," Thornton said. "If they want to start loosening (monetary policy) and buoying up growth, they could face the risk of compounding higher-than-desired inflation."

Analysts blame the inflation spike on the dual pressures of consumer demand that is outstripping food supplies and money surging through the economy from a bank lending boom that helped China ward off the 2008 global crisis.

STOCK PORTFOLIO



LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
10,809.80	1,119.46	2,357.69
-634.76	-79.92	-174.72
-5.55%	-6.66%	-6.90%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms	Hong Kong Dollar	Philippine Peso
Australian Dollar	7.8105	42.6100
British Pound	45.2150	Singapore Dollar 1.2181
Canadian Dollar	8,592.50	South Korean Won 1,083.745
Chinese Yuan	77.1950	Swiss Franc 0.7523
Euro	3.0189	Taiwan Dollar 29.0425
	1.2248	Thailand Baht 29.9245

Nation

Obama seeks to reassure faith in US credit

WASHINGTON (AP)—Eager to calm a nervous nation, President Barack Obama on Monday dismissed an unprecedented downgrade in the nation's credit rating, insisting investors will stand by the United States even as stock markets plunged. Obama said Washington can fix its ills by showing more political will.

"Markets will rise and fall, but this is the United States of America," Obama said. "No matter what some agency may say, we've always been and always will be a triple-A country."



Obama

Investors did funnel money on Monday into Treasuries, a sign of confidence in the United States as a safe long-term investment even after Standard & Poor's had dropped the U.S. credit rating down a notch. But the broader story was far more worrisome: stock markets kept tumbling over concerns about the weakening U.S. economy and the debt crisis in Europe.

The Dow Jones industrials plummeted to its worst drop since December 2008.

For Obama, a president seeking a second term from voters desperate for better times, the pressure for results is intense.

He is the first president to have a credit downgrade come on his watch. And whether blaming him is fair or not—he actually pushed for the type of deal that might have prevented a downgrade—presidents are always accountable.

After saying nothing about the downgrade all weekend, Obama sought Monday to use it as leverage against a Congress whose members are on an August vacation. He said a downgrade ought to compel a smart compromise from the bipartisan committee of lawmakers that will soon be tasked with shaping up to another \$1.5 trillion in difficult deficit reduction.

Obama said he would offer his own recommendations, although the White House suggested that would likely mean ideas Obama has already presented in recent weeks. Obama on Monday said Congress

Understanding the letter ratings

Ratings from AA to CCC may be modified with a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the major categories.

AAA

Extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitments; highest rating

AA

Very strong capacity to meet financial commitments

A

Strong capacity to meet financial commitments, but somewhat susceptible to adverse economic conditions and changes in circumstances

The world's highest credit ratings

■ Countries and cities with an S&P AAA rating

■ AA+ ratings

United States has ratings with three agencies
S&P AA+
Moody's AAA (highest)
Fitch AAA (highest)

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BBB

Adequate capacity to meet financial commitments, but more subject to adverse economic conditions

Other B ratings **BB, B**

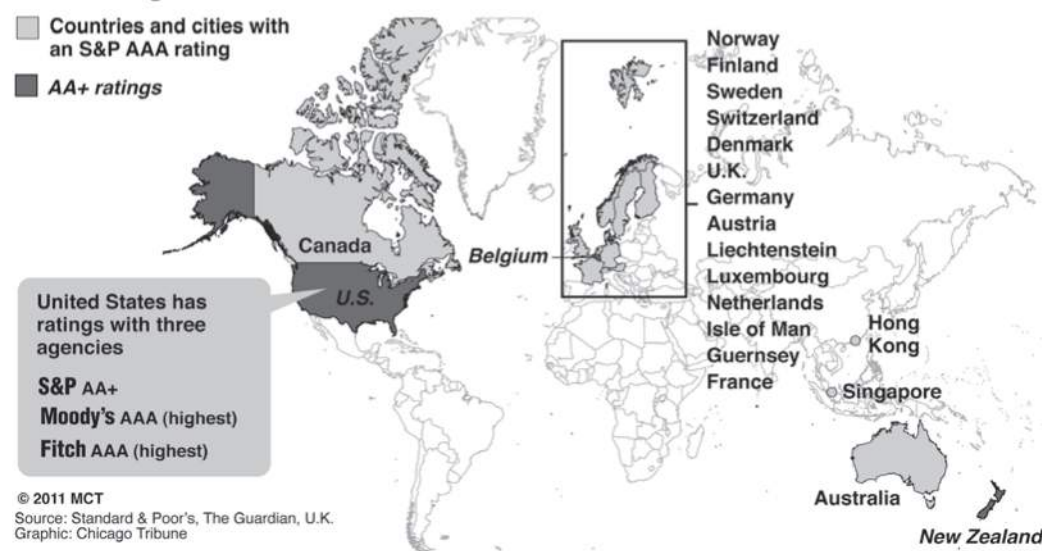
CCC

Currently vulnerable and dependent on favorable business, financial and economic conditions to meet financial commitments

Other C ratings **CC, C**

D

Payment default on financial commitments



Md. mom who killed son agonized over school costs

WASHINGTON (AP)—Ben Barnhard finally had reason to be optimistic this summer: The 13-year-old shed more than 100 pounds at a rigorous weight-loss academy, a proud achievement for a boy who had endured classmates' taunts about his obesity and who had sought solace in the quiet of his bedroom, with his pet black cat and the intricate origami designs he created.

But one month before school was to start for the special-needs teen, his mother, psychiatrist Margaret Jensvold, shot him in the head, then killed herself. Officers found their bodies on Aug. 2 in the bedrooms of their home in Kensington, Md., an upper-middle class Washington suburb. They also found a note.

"School—can't deal with school system," the letter began, Jensvold's sister, Susan Slaughter,

told The Associated Press.

And later: "Debt is bleeding me. Strangled by debt."

Although family members said they were stunned by the killings, they also said Jensvold had become increasingly strained by financial pressure and by anguished fights with the county public school system over the special-needs education of her son, who had an autism spectrum disorder. They said the school district—apparently believing it could adequately educate Ben—had refused to cover tuition costs



Barnhard

for the boy to attend a private school for special-needs students. Jensvold didn't have the money herself and didn't want to return her son to public school, where relatives said she felt harshly judged and marginalized and where Ben had struggled.

"It was a huge stress,"

Slaughter said. "It's very hard being a single parent under any circumstances, but to have a high-needs child is overwhelming. And then to have him inappropriately placed in the school, and have the school fighting with her, was really traumatic."

Jensvold also offered an explanation for taking her son's life.

"She did mention in the note that she knows people whose parents committed suicide when they were children and how difficult and traumatizing that was, and she didn't want to do that to Ben," Slaughter said.

"It is very true," she added. "I can't imagine Ben ever recovering from the loss of his mother."

Special needs education is an emotionally freighted issue, perhaps especially so in Montgomery County—an affluent region where parents tend to be actively engaged in education and where schools are highly regarded nationwide.

Maid sues Strauss-Kahn over NYC hotel encounter

NEW YORK (AP)—A hotel maid who accuses ex-International Monetary Fund boss Dominique Strauss-Kahn of sexual assault sued him Monday over what she calls a "violent and sadistic" attack in an upscale suite that left her life "in shambles."

Lawyers for the maid, Guinean immigrant Nafissatou Diallo, wrote in the lawsuit that Strauss-Kahn "intentionally, brutally and violently sexually assaulted Ms. Diallo and in the process humiliated, degraded, violated and robbed Ms. Diallo of her dignity as a woman."

The lawyers, Kenneth Thompson and Douglas Wigdor, promised to tell a jury about other instances when Strauss-Kahn sexually attacked women in hotel rooms and apartments, coerced employees into complying with sexual demands or accosted women with inappropriate sexual

remarks and tried to get them to perform sexual acts.

They said the lawsuit, seeking unspecified damages, would "redress the violent and sadistic attack by defendant Strauss-Kahn on Nafissatou Diallo when he sexually assaulted" her on May 14 at the Sofitel hotel in midtown Manhattan.



Strauss

The lawsuit says Strauss-Kahn injured Diallo's shoulder, bruised her vagina, tore her pantyhose and violently grabbed the back of her head during the attack.

The lawsuit, filed in state court in the Bronx, accuses Strauss-Kahn of acting like a common criminal afterward, fleeing the hotel so quickly that he left behind traces of his semen, along with bloody tissues.

"In his haste to flee the scene of a crime, he rushed out of the hotel with toothpaste smeared

should ask wealthy Americans to pay more in taxes and should make adjustments in programs like Medicare. Both ideas face fierce political opposition.

"I assure you, we will stay on it until we get the job done," the president assured. But Congress remains in divided political hands, limiting Obama's ability to keep that promise.

Heading into a campaign-style economic tour before going on his own vacation, Obama's overall rating hovers below 50 percent in most polling. He is on far more perilous ground when it comes to public views on the key issue for voters—his handling of the economy—where his approval rating is under 40 percent in most major recent surveys.

Obama's aim is to keep heat on Congress to enact concrete measures, separate from the grueling debt debate, which could help people in the short term.

He pressed lawmakers to extend a payroll tax cut and unemployment benefits in September as a way to "put money in people's pockets and more customers in stores."

on the outside of his mouth and was looking over his shoulders," the lawsuit says.

The attack has left Diallo physically and psychologically harmed, with permanent damage done to her professional and personal reputations along with severe mental anguish from which she may never fully recover, the lawsuit says. She suffers great emotional distress, humiliation, depression and physical pain, and the experience has "left Ms. Diallo's life and her young daughter's life in shambles," it says.

Lawyers for Strauss-Kahn said the maid's lawsuit has no merit and their client will fight it vigorously.

"We have maintained from the beginning that the motivation of Mr. Thompson and his client was to make money," attorneys William W. Taylor and Benjamin Brafman said. "The filing of this lawsuit ends any doubt on that question."

ACROSS THE NATION

Polygamist heard on tape training girls for sex

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP)—Prosecutors seeking life in prison for convicted polygamist leader Warren Jeffs closed their case with a final barrage of graphic audiotapes, records of 24 alleged underage brides and writings that ordered followers to "fight to the death" when police eventually came

for him. The same jury that convicted Jeffs last week of sexually assaulting two of his child "brides" could now hand down their punishment early as Tuesday. Even in prison, he could continue to lead the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Among the final pieces of evidence was an audiotape of Jeffs having sex and one of him telling five girls to "set

aside all your inhibitions" as he gives his child brides instructions on how to please him sexually. Jeffs' attorneys rested without calling any witnesses as the sentencing phase drew to a close. Jurors will begin deliberating Tuesday following closing arguments.

Oklahoma, Texas set heat records in July

WASHINGTON (AP)—

Sweltering may have reached a new record last month, as Oklahoma racked up the country's highest monthly average temperature ever. That's the highest average temperature, for any month, for any state, associate Oklahoma state climatologist Gary McManus said. According to automated weather recording instruments, the state's average for July was 89.1 degrees. That tops an av-

erage of 88.1 set in July 1954, McManus said.

Ohio serial killer apologizes in deaths of 11

CLEVELAND (AP)—The man who killed 11 women and dumped their remains around his property apologized Monday in front of relatives of his victims and the jury that will decide whether to recommend

the death penalty. "Well, the only thing I want to say is, I'm sorry," Anthony Sowell, 51, said in a hushed courtroom as he leaned forward during a 30-minute unsworn statement. The prosecution wasn't allowed to cross-examine Sowell, leaving unspoken the question of why he killed the victims and attacked three other women who survived and testified against him.

Asia

Deadly crash highlights role of US elite forces

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The loss of dozens of elite American troops to a Taliban rocket-propelled grenade is a window on the war to come—focused increasingly on the type of special operations the troops were pursuing when their helicopter crashed.

The U.S. military released new details Monday about the crash in the Tangi Valley, a dangerous area of Wardak province on the doorstep of the Afghan capital. The 30 U.S. troops, seven Afghan commandos and an Afghan interpreter who died were taking part in one of thousands of nighttime operations being conducted annually across the nation.

The sheer number of these missions is evidence that progress in the nearly decade-long war depends more on efforts to kill or capture insurgents than the overarching strategy of building support for the Afghan government at grassroots levels. And these missions will take on relatively more importance as troop levels decline.

Saturday's crash of the CH-47

Chinook helicopter was deadliest single loss for U.S. forces in the war and raised anew questions in the United States about why U.S. troops are still fighting the unpopular conflict.

U.S. leaders vowed on Monday not to let the loss rewrite the war strategy.

"We will press on and we will succeed," President Barack Obama said at the White House.

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta said, "As heavy a loss as this was, it would even be more tragic if we allowed it to derail this country from our efforts to defeat al-Qaida and deny them a safe haven in Afghanistan."

In Kabul, German Brig. Gen. Carsten Jacobson, a spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition, said, "The incident, as tragic as it was in its magnitude, will have no influence on the conduct of operations."

Jacobson said troops continued Monday to recover every last piece of the helicopter and that no one was being allowed in or out of the heavily secured crash site during the investigation. A ceremony was held at



U.S. soldiers from the 2nd Brigade, 87th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division, secure the area after exiting a Chinook helicopter, Helmand Province, southern Afghanistan, in this Sunday, June 18, 2006 file photo. AP

Bagram Air Field, a massive military installation north of Kabul, to pay respect to fallen service members being sent back to the United States.

Marine Gen. John Allen, the new top commander of U.S. and

coalition forces in Afghanistan, released a statement early Tuesday in honor of the fallen American and Afghan troops. "In life they were comrades in arms and in death they are bound forever in this vital cause," he said. "We

cherish this selfless sacrifice."

Pentagon officials said two C-17 aircraft carrying the remains of U.S. and Afghan troops killed in the crash left Afghanistan Monday night en route to Dover Air Force Base in Dela-

ware. They said that there will be no public media coverage at the Dover base during the ceremony that typically takes place when the bodies of fallen troops arrive because the badly damaged remains are mingled and still being identified.

Many of the Americans who died were members of the Navy's SEAL Team Six, the unit that conducted the raid that killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden at his hideout in Pakistan. But none of the SEALs killed in the crash took part in the bin Laden mission. The official name of the SEAL team is the Naval Special Warfare Development Group.

The troops, who were packed into the twin-rotor chopper, crashed while on a mission that targeted a Taliban leader in the mountainous and heavily forested Sayd Abad district of Wardak, the coalition said. The helicopter was transporting them to the scene of an ongoing fight between coalition forces and insurgents.

Ali Ahmad Khashai, deputy governor of Wardak province, said Taliban insurgents frequently move through the Tangi Valley.



Former Philippine first lady and now Congresswoman Imelda Marcos gestures beside an art sculpture by Filipino contemporary artist Mideo Cruz showing his version of Jesus Christ on display at Manila's Cultural Center of the Philippines, Monday, Aug. 8, 2011. AP

Art exhibit draws ire of Philippine Catholics

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Former Philippine first lady and art patron Imelda Marcos on Monday joined Roman Catholic leaders in denouncing an art installation that combines religious symbols with phallic objects.

The exhibit at Manila's Cultural Center of the Philippines by contemporary Filipino artist Mideo Cruz has provoked heated debate about freedom of expression in the predominantly Catholic nation.

Critics vandalized the installation last week by removing a wooden penis from a poster depicting Jesus Christ. An-

other sculpture shows a penis hanging from a wooden cross while another portrays Christ as Mickey Mouse.

Marcos, the flamboyant widow of former dictator Ferdinand Marcos and founder of the cultural center near Manila Bay, said after visiting the exhibition that the work was a "desecration" and no longer represents art.

"To desecrate some kind of a symbol for what some religions hold sacred, it is no longer right," she told reporters.

Cruz did not immediately respond to an Associated Press email seeking comment. The center's head of visual arts

reached by phone refused to comment.

In recent interviews, Cruz calls himself "a visual artist who commonly tries to cross borders of discipline in producing my works."

Cultural center chairwoman Emily Abrera was quoted as saying by Inquirer.net, the online portal of the Philippine Daily Inquirer newspaper, last week that it was part of the artists' duty to challenge prevailing beliefs.

"It is part of our culture to question, to seek answers, to look behind the surface and try to dig out what our real values are," she said.

The archbishop of Manila, Cardinal Gaudencio Rosales, said Cruz and his supporters may have abused their freedom of expression.

He told church-run Radio Veritas on Monday that freedom entails "the responsibility not to attack cultures and the responsibility not to destroy the values of people."

Several Catholic lay groups have threatened to file charges against Cruz and the exhibition organizers, and one group called Pro-life Philippines has written a letter to the cultural center demanding that the exhibit be taken down.

Taiwan opposition says computers hacked by Chinese

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Taiwan's main opposition party said Tuesday its headquarters has been the target of a sustained hacking attack from China and one instance of hacking from the government in Taipei.

Deputy Director Alex Huang of the Democratic Progressive Party's Policy Research Committee linked the computer attacks to Taiwan's quadrennial presidential and legislative elections, scheduled for January.

"Most of our party officials have had their emails hacked into and we have lost sensitive documents concerning campaign schedules and promotional material," Huang said. "Some of the computers have been planted with Trojan horse viruses so hackers could monitor the machines' activities."

Huang said that DPP presi-

dential candidate Tsai Ing-wen's email had not been affected.

Citing the conclusions of a computer security firm, Huang says one source of Chinese attacks was the Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, bureau of China's official Xinhua News Agency. He says the Chinese hacking had been going on since March, with some attacks coming from the mainland and others from the Chinese territory of Hong Kong.

He declined to name the computer security firm that had carried out the work but said it had done so on a voluntary basis.

Phone calls to Xinhua's press office in Beijing went unanswered. China has consistently denied that it is behind any hacking, and says that it is also a victim of hacking.

On the basis of an internal

DPP investigation, Huang says the government attack was a one-off effort originating in the Research, Development and Evaluation Commission of the executive branch in Taipei.

Commission Deputy Minister Yu Hsieh-sung said the agency was investigating the DPP allegation but suggested that any hacking from the commission's offices took place without official sanction.

Taiwan and China split amid civil war in 1949. China still claims Taiwan as part of its territory. Beijing has long denounced the DPP for its pro-independence stance.

Since President Ma Ying-jeou of the Nationalists took office in May 2008, he has moved to improve China ties and facilitated several landmark trade deals with Beijing.

ASIA BRIEFS

Tropical storm lashes China as it moves northward

BEIJING (AP)—China's weather agency says the storm Muifa is lashing northeastern China with torrential rains and winds despite having weakened to a tropical depression after making landfall in North Korea. Tropical Storm Muifa hit the North Korean coast overnight with winds gusting up to 52 miles per hour (83 kilometers per hour). China's National Meteorological Center says the storm then moved northwest across China's neighboring Liaoning province and dropped up to 5 inches (135 mm) of rain. Early Tuesday the storm was further north in Jilin province and moving northeastward with winds of 29 mph (47 kph). It says Muifa should continue to weaken though winds could gust up to 39 mph (62 kph) along the coast.

Nagasaki remembers bombing; US has representative

TOKYO (AP)—The U.S. has sent its first representative to the annual memorial for the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, as the Japanese

city remembered the historic horrors of radiation amid the nation's unfolding nuclear crisis. As in past years, a moment of silence was observed at 11:02 a.m. Tuesday, 66 years after the moment the bomb dropped on the southern city on Aug. 9, 1945, in the closing days of World War II. Mayor Tomihisa Taue called for change in Japan's policy, which has for decades vehemently pursued nuclear power and asked the nation work to develop safer kinds of energy.

Malaysian man sues runaway bride for \$360,000

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)—A Malaysian man is suing his former fiancée for more than \$360,000 for leaving him just six hours before their wedding. Lawyer Latifah Ariffin says 32-year-old Masran Abdul Rahman and his family were distressed and deeply embarrassed when Norzuliya Mat Hassan called off the June wedding at the last minute. Latifah says Masran had invited 1,200 guests to the reception and was seeking compensation for damages and defamation from Norzuliya and her father.

World

Britain burns: Riots spread through UK cities



A property is on fire near Reeves Corner in Croydon, south London Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011. A wave of violence and looting raged across London and spread to three other major British cities on Tuesday, as authorities struggled to contain the country's worst unrest since race riots set the capital ablaze in the 1980s.

LONDON (AP)—A wave of violence and looting raged across London and spread to three other major British cities on Tuesday, as authorities struggled to contain the country's worst unrest since race riots set the capital ablaze in the 1980s.

In London, groups of young people rampaged for a third straight night, setting buildings, vehicles and garbage dumps alight, looting stores and pelting police officers with bottles and fireworks. The spreading disorder was an unwelcome warning of the possibility of violence

for leaders organizing the 2012 Summer Olympics in less than a year.

Police called in hundreds of reinforcements—and made a rare decision to deploy armored vehicles in some of the worst-hit districts—but still struggled to keep pace with the chaos unfolding at flashpoints across London, in the central city of Birmingham, the western city of Bristol and the northwestern city of Liverpool.

Authorities acknowledged that major new bouts of violence had badly stretching

their resources.

"The violence we have seen is simply inexcusable. Ordinary people have had their lives turned upside down by this mindless thuggery," police commander Christine Jones said.

The riots appeared to have little unifying cause—though some involved claimed to oppose sharp government spending cuts, which will slash welfare payments and cut tens of thousands of public sector jobs through 2015.

Others appeared attracted simply by the opportunity for

violence. "Come join the fun," shouted one youth, racing along a street in the east London suburb of Hackney, where shops were attacked and cars torched.

The crisis will be a major test of Prime Minister David Cameron's coalition government, which includes members who had long suspected its program of harsh budget restraints could provoke popular dissent. He reversed an earlier decision and cut short his summer vacation in Italy, rushing home for a meeting of the national crisis committee on Tuesday morning.

Cameron was expected to seek to toughen the response in meetings with ministers and police chiefs.

Rioters were left virtually unchallenged in several neighborhoods and able to plunder from stores at will or attempt to invade homes. Restaurants and stores fearful of looting closed early across London.

Disorder flared throughout the night, from gritty suburbs along the capital's fringes to

central London's famously posh Notting Hill neighborhood. London's Ambulance Service said it had treated 16 patients, of whom 15 were hospitalized. Police said 334 people had been arrested and 69 people charged with offenses.

Three people were arrested on suspicion of the attempted murder of a police officer left hospitalized after he was struck by a car in north London in the early hours of Tuesday.

Syria conflict descends into 'war of attrition'

BEIRUT (AP)—Despite five months of blistering attacks on dissent, the Syrian regime has yet to score a decisive victory against a pro-democracy uprising determined to bring down the country's brutal dictatorship.

President Bashar Assad still has the military muscle to level pockets of resistance, but the conflict has robbed him of almost all international support.

Even Saudi Arabia this week called for an end to the bloodshed in Syria, the first of several Arab nations to join the growing chorus against Assad.

The Syrian leader is being watched carefully at home and abroad to see how long his iron regime—which is still strong but wobbling—will continue to use tanks, snipers and security forces on hundreds of thousands of fervent, overwhelmingly young protesters who keep coming back for more.

"Syria is not burying the revolution," said Nabil Bou Monsef, a senior analyst at the Arabic-language An-Nahar newspaper. "Protests are

resuming everywhere, even in areas that were subject to crackdowns."

He added: "It is difficult for one of the sides to win. Syria has entered a war of attrition between the regime and the opposition."

There is little to stop Assad from calling upon the scorched-earth tactics that have kept his family in power for more than 40 years. A longtime pariah, Syria grew accustomed to shrugging off the world's reproach long before the regime started shooting unarmed protesters five months ago.

A military intervention has been all but ruled out, given the quagmire in Libya and the lack of any strong opposition leader in Syria to rally behind. The U.S. and other nations have little power to threaten further isolation or economic punishment of Assad's pro-Iranian regime—unlike in Egypt, where President Barack Obama was able to help usher longtime ally Hosni Mubarak out of power.

Famine: 'Hundreds of thousands of kids could die'

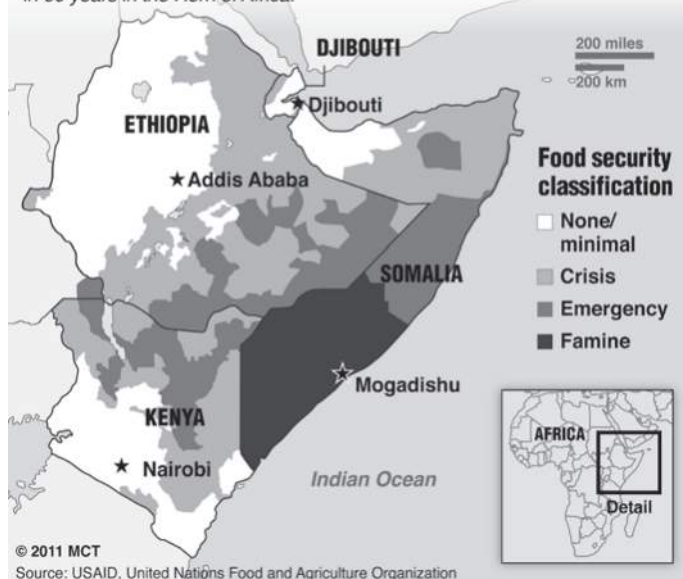
DADAAB, Kenya (AP)—Hundreds of thousands of Somali children could die in East Africa's famine unless more help arrives, a top U.S. official warned Monday in the starkest death toll prediction yet. To highlight the crisis, the wife of Vice President Joe Biden visited a refugee camp filled with hungry Somalis.

Jill Biden is the highest-profile U.S. visitor to East Africa since the number of refugees coming across the Somali border dramatically increased in July. Biden, who traveled to the camp in a C-130 military transport plane, said she wants to raise awareness and persuade donors to give more.

"One of the reasons to be here is just to ask Americans and people worldwide, the global community, the human family, if they could just reach a little deeper into their pockets and give money to help these poor people, these poor mothers and children," said Biden, who met

Somalia famine spreads

More than 11 million people have been affected by the worst drought in 60 years in the Horn of Africa.



with two Somali mothers and their eight children.

Later Monday in Washington, President Barack Obama approved \$105 million for humanitarian efforts in the Horn

of Africa to combat worsening drought and famine

"There is hope if people start to pay attention to this," said Biden, who also met with Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki and Prime

Minister Raila Odinga.

A drought has turned into famine because little aid can reach militant-controlled south-central Somalia, forcing tens of thousands of Somalis who have exhausted all the region's food to walk to camps in Kenya, Ethiopia and the Somali capital of Mogadishu.

USAID administrator Raj Shah, who accompanied Biden, said hundreds of thousands of children could die from the famine. Shah said the world has a unique opportunity to save tens of thousands of children's lives by expanding humanitarian activities inside Somalia, though he noted that it would be a challenge for aid providers to get into al-Shabab-controlled south-central Somalia.

Given the camp's proximity to the uncontrolled and sometimes dangerous Somali border, a well-armed security team, some carrying sniper rifles, had secured the camp where she visited.

WORLD BRIEFS

Argentine suspects testify in Frenchwomen deaths

SALTA, Argentina (AP)—Suspects held in the slaying of two French tourists were questioned under oath by an investigative judge Monday. Judge Martin Perez began with a retired police official's daughter, Maria Canizares, who testified that she and her brother got the victims' cellphone and camera from her boyfriend, a part-time tourist guide. She said her boyfriend told her that he found the items in a sandwich shop. She also swore that she never saw any images on the camera or cellphone, and knew nothing about the killings. Authorities say those images—some of which were erased and later recovered by investigators—include the last moments of Frenchwomen Cassandre Bouvier and Moumni Houria before they were attacked while hiking in

provincial Salta.

US, Saudi pressure may keep Yemen leader abroad

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—The U.S. and Saudi Arabia pressured Yemen's president to stay in Saudi Arabia after he was released from a lengthy hospital stay to treat wounds suffered in an assassination attempt, Yemeni officials said Monday. The officials, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject, said the U.S. and Saudi warned Ali Abdullah Saleh that his return to Yemen would likely spark a civil war. In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Mark Toner said it was up to Saleh to decide whether to stay on in Saudi Arabia or return home and that a transition of power should begin immediately regardless of what Saleh decides to do.

Focus

Family, friends remember fallen fighters as heroes

By **DAVID CRARY**
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Just three months after the nation lauded the anonymous Navy SEALs who killed Osama bin Laden, it is getting to know in poignant detail about their colleagues who died aboard a downed helicopter in Afghanistan.

They came to the special forces from far-flung corners of the country - some of them motivated by the 9/11 attacks that bin Laden masterminded. They were intensely patriotic and talented young men with a love of physical challenges and a passion for the high-risk job they chose.

Brian Bill, for example, had seemingly boundless ambitions, according to those who knew him as a high school student-athlete in Stamford, Conn.

A skier, mountaineer, pilot and triathlete, he hoped to complete graduate school after his military service and then become an astronaut.

"He loved life; he loved a challenge; and he was passionate about being a SEAL," his family said in a statement Monday.

Aaron Vaughn, a 30-year-old father of two from Virginia Beach, Va., met his wife, Kimberly, when she was a Washington Redskins cheerleader on a USO tour in Guam. Vaughn had aspired to a military career since childhood and told his parents after 9/11 that he wanted to become a SEAL.

"He felt, and so did the other members of his team, that the very existence of our republic is at stake," his father, Billy Vaughn, told NBC's "Today." "Because of that, Aaron was willing to give his life."

Jason Workman, 32, of Blanding, Utah, also cited 9/11 as his motive for aspiring to join the special forces, childhood friend Tate Bennett told The Deseret News. He completed his Mormon mission to Brazil and Philadelphia, attended college, then joined the Navy with the specific goal of becoming a SEAL.

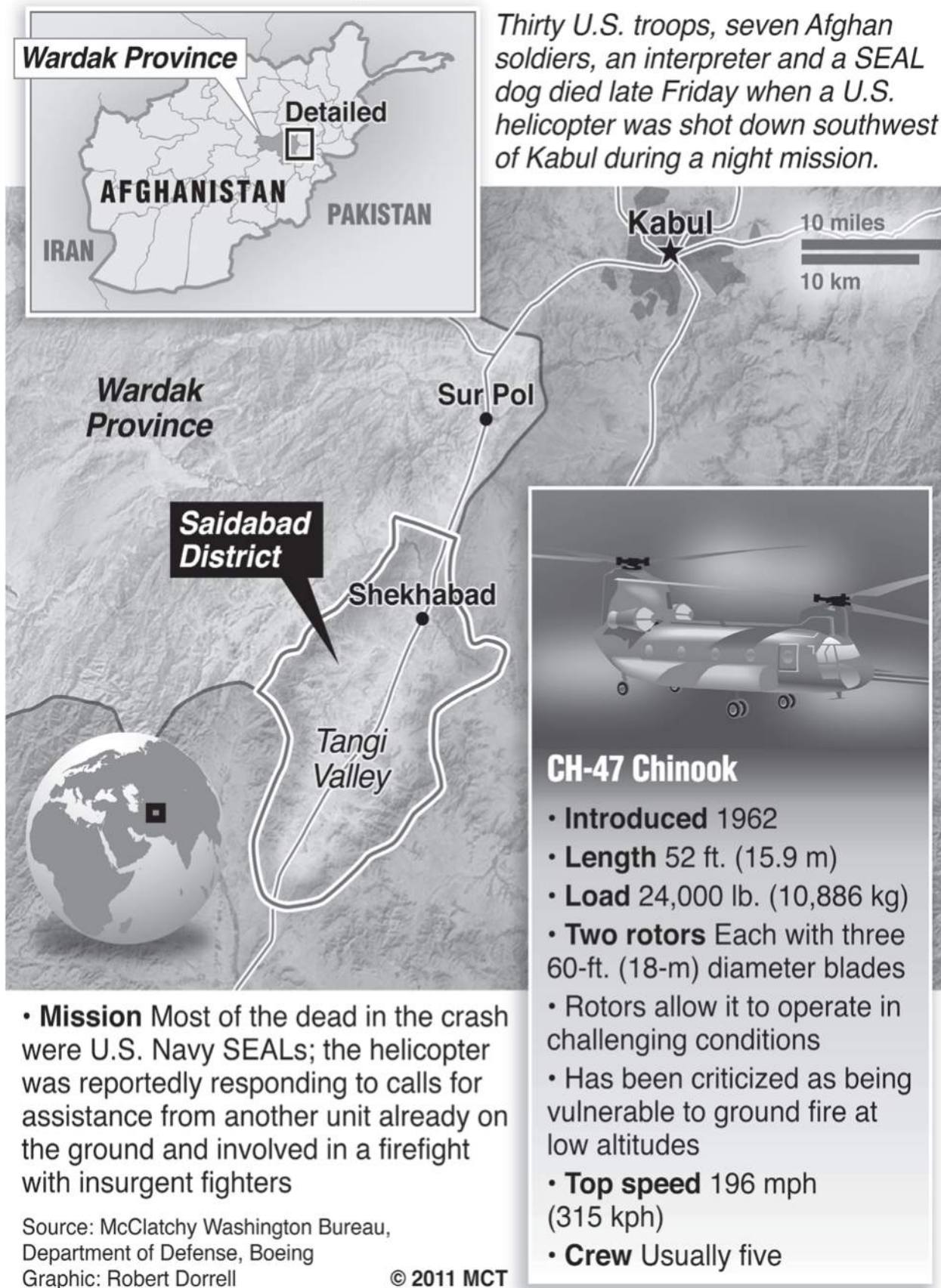
"Not making it just wasn't an option," Bennett said of his friend, who leaves behind a wife and 21-month-old son.

Workman, Vaughn, Bill and 19 other SEALs were among 30 Americans and eight Afghans killed Saturday when a rocket-propelled grenade fired by a Taliban insurgent downed their Chinook helicopter en route to a combat mission. All but two of the SEALs were from SEAL Team 6, the unit that killed bin Laden, although military officials said none of the crash victims was on that mission in Pakistan against the al-Qaida leader.

The crash was a somber counterpoint to the national jubilation that greeted news of bin Laden's death. Yet families and friends of the SEALs killed aboard the Chinook spoke of the dedication and tight-knit camaraderie that tided them through all sorts of ups and downs.

Jon Tumilson, 35, of Rockford, Iowa, was remembered as a feisty high school wrestler who later competed in marathons and triathlons as part of his preparation for a special forces career.

"He was willing to do whatever it took. He wanted to be there," neighbor



Mark Biggs told the Mason City Globe Gazette. "That was his second family."

Former SEAL Howard Wasdin, author of the book "SEAL Team 6," said on CBS's "The Early Show" that elected officials in Washington could take a lesson from the fallen SEALs.

"We got our politicians pointing the fingers about who's to blame for our credit rating, and in the meantime, you've got the best and the brightest out there giving their lives," he said. "Our leaders need to take a play from the playback of the Navy SEALs: Be a team and quit all the infighting."

Here are the stories of some of the fallen:

A severe arm injury during fighting in Fallujah in 2004 didn't keep Matthew Mason off the Iraq War battlefield. Nor did it dull the competitive fire of the avid runner and former high school athlete from outside Kansas City.

Within five months of losing part of his left arm, absorbing shrapnel and

suffering a collapsed lung, Mason competed in a triathlon. He soon returned to his SEAL unit.

"He could have gotten out of combat," said family friend Elizabeth Frogge. "He just insisted on going back."

Mason, the father of two toddler sons, grew up in Holt, Mo., and played football and baseball at Kearney High School. He graduated from Northwest Missouri State University in 1998. His wife, who is expecting their third child—another boy—also attended Northwest Missouri.

Mason returned to Missouri in May to compete in a Kansas City triathlon, and took his family to Walt Disney World for the first time this summer, Frogge said.

"He loved doing what he did," she said. "He was the type of guy who thought he was invincible."

Jason Workman had his sights set on becoming a SEAL as a young teenager. He was about 14 when his older brother

graduated from West Point. That's when he knew he wanted to be an elite soldier, friend Tate Bennett told The Deseret News. Then came the Sept. 11 terror attacks, and Workman's calling grew even stronger.

"He didn't become a Navy SEAL by chance," Bennett said. "He knew that's what he wanted at a young age and made it happen."

After returning from his Mormon mission, Bennett said, Workman went to Southern Utah University and later joined the Navy.

Across his small hometown of Blanding in southern Utah, flags were flown at half-staff as residents mourned the loss of one of their own.

Even as a SEAL, Workman came home periodically. During his last trip, he led training sessions with local law enforcement, sharing his military skills, and planned to provide more training during a trip home this fall, Mayor Toni Turk told the Salt Lake City Tribune.

Jon Tumilson got an early start on his preparation to join the SEALs. He had been a wrestler in high school and competed in marathons and triathlons.

Neighbors remembered the Rockford, Iowa, man as a warrior committed to the SEALs, no matter the pain he endured in training or the risks he ran on each mission.

"When he did something, he put his all into it," Jan Stowe, a neighbor of the Tumilsons for more than 30 years, told the Des Moines Register.

Tumilson, who was 35 when he died, "was going to be a Navy SEAL since I can't remember when," Stowe said. "He's like a hero to everyone here."

Another neighbor, Mark Biggs, said people were shocked by his death.

"You just never thought it would happen to Jon," Biggs told the Mason City Globe Gazette. "He's done so many dangerous things."

Friend Justin Schriever remembered Tumilson as "a die-hard at everything. He'd always go the extra mile on everything. He wouldn't let anything stop him from accomplishing something."

Brian Bill had plans for when he finished his military service. He wanted to return to graduate school and hoped one day to become an astronaut.

For those who knew him, such lofty goals were not out of reach.

"He set his standards high. He was that kind of person," Kimberly Hess, a friend who graduated with him in 2001 from Vermont's Norwich University, told The Advocate newspaper. "He was remarkably gifted and very thoughtful. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for you no matter the time or day."

Diane Warzoha, who had Bill as a student at Trinity Catholic High School in Stamford, said it was no surprise that he fulfilled his goal of joining the SEALs.

"Brian just wanted to do his best, to protect other people ... Challenge did not deter him, ever."

Three of the crew members aboard the downed Chinook were from the same Army reserve unit—Bravo Company, 7th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment—based at New Century Air Center in Gardner, Kan.

Spc. Spencer Duncan, 21, of Olathe, Kan., had written to friends about how much he loved working as a door gunner on a Chinook helicopter. But The Kansas City Star reported that he also told friends that he missed Kansas sunsets and lying in a truck bed listening to the radio and cuddling with his sweetie.

He joined the military in 2008 and had been in Afghanistan since late May.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Bryan Nichols, 31, a pilot from Kansas City, Mo., was eager to get back to flying after a stint handling paperwork as a unit administrator. So when the word went out that people were needed to train for a mobilization, Nichols volunteered.

Lt. Col. Richard Sherman, former commander of Nichols' unit, said one of his favorite memories is flying a pace car with Nichols to the Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas.

"My happiest and saddest memories are now tied to him," said Sherman,

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who was in command and working as an instructional pilot when Nichols joined his unit.

"He had no enemies. He was one everyone wanted to be around. You just liked flying with him because you knew he was going to improve as a young pilot and get better every time you flew with him."

Specialist Alexander Bennett, 23, couldn't wait to deploy again after returning from spending a year in Iraq in 2009. So the reservist moved on his own from the Tacoma, Wash., area to Overland Park, Kan., to join Bravo Company.

"He wanted to be part of our unit when it deployed," said Sherman. "He was a typical young kid and liked to go out and have a good time with the guys."

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Patrick Hamburger planned to propose to his girlfriend, but had a job to do first: a mission in Afghanistan.

The 30-year-old sergeant from Grand Island, Neb., joined the Nebraska National Guard when he was a senior at Lincoln Southeast High School, but this was his first deployment, his brother Chris Hamburger told The Associated Press.

"He didn't have to go, and he wanted to go because his group was getting deployed. He wanted to be there for them. That's him for you," Chris Hamburger said, adding that Patrick always looked out for his two younger brothers and friends.

He was also the kind of guy who helped his girlfriend raise her 13-year-old daughter from another relationship, as well as the couple's own 2-year-old daughter, and planned to propose marriage when he got home, Chris Hamburger said.

Patrick Hamburger had been in Afghanistan less than two weeks and had arrived at Forward Operating Base Shank a few days before climbing aboard the helicopter to rush to the aid of an Army Ranger unit under fire from insurgents.

"It doesn't come as a total surprise that he was trying to help people and that's how it all ended up happening," Chris Hamburger said.

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If someone was sad, Michael Strange tried to make them smile. He loved snowboarding, surfing, scuba diving, running, and shooting guns on the range.

"He loved his friends, his family, his country; he loved making people laugh. He was one of a kind," Strange's brother, Charles Strange III, said outside the family's Philadelphia home, where American flags were planted throughout the neighborhood.

Strange, 25, decided to join the military when he was still in high school, and had been in the Navy for about six years, first stationed in Hawaii and for the last two in Virginia Beach, where he became a SEAL about two years ago, his mother, Elizabeth Strange, told The Associated Press.

But he always told his family not to worry.

"He wasn't supposed to die this young. He was supposed to be safe," Elizabeth Strange said. "And he told me that, and I believed him. I shouldn't have believed him because I know better. He would say, 'Mom, don't be ridiculous and worry so



Charles Strange III, left, and his sister, Katelyn, hold a photo of their brother, Petty Officer First Class Michael Strange, outside his family's home in Northeast Philadelphia on Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011.



This undated photo provided by the Vaughn family shows Aaron Vaughn, right, and his wife Kimberly of Virginia Beach, Va.

much. I'm safe."

Charles Strange said his brother loved the SEALs, especially "the competitiveness, getting in shape and running and swimming and all of that."

He also had two sisters and recently became an uncle. The family last saw him in June, when he came for a week-long visit for his birthday, his mother said. He was supposed to be back for Thanksgiving.

"It was going to be such a good time," his mother said.

His grandmother Bernice Strange remembered him as a young man who loved cheesesteaks and the Philadelphia Eagles and always brought her flowers.

"He was a wonderful grandson to have," she said Monday night. "God truly blessed me with him."

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If Elizabeth Newlun wanted to have a serious conversation with her son, John Brown, she had to shoot baskets with him.

"There's nothing athletic about me, but I realized that you have to get into other people's comfort zone to get information," said Newlun, of Rogers, Ark., explaining that her son, an Air Force technical sergeant, was a "gentle giant" who "just loved anything physical, anything athletic."

Newlun said her son played football and basketball in high school and went to John Brown University on a swimming scholarship. He had wanted to go into the medical field and become a nurse anesthetist, but decided to join the military after seeing a video of a special tactical unit, she said.

The airman was a paramedic and ready to attend to the medical needs



This undated family photo shows Lt. Cmdr. Jonas Kelsall, a Shreveport, La., native who was among the Navy SEALs killed when a U.S. Chinook helicopter crashed in Afghanistan on Friday, Aug. 5, 2011.

of anyone who was rescued, his mother said.

Arkansas state Rep. Jon Woods went to high school with Brown in Siloam Springs and remembered playing basketball and watching "Saturday Night Live" on the weekends.

"When you think of what the ideal model of a soldier would be, he would be it," said Woods. "He could run all day."

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Aaron Carson Vaughn was a man of deep faith, insisting to his family that he didn't fear his job as a Navy SEAL "because he knew where he was going" when he died.

"Aaron was a Christian and he's with Jesus today," Geneva Vaughn of Union City, Tenn., told The Associated Press on Saturday. "He told us when we saw him last November that he wasn't afraid ... he said, 'Granny, don't worry about me.'"

"He was a tough warrior, but he was a gentle man."

Geneva Vaughn said her grandson, 30, joined the SEALs straight out of boot camp and was already a decorated fighter when he was asked by the Navy to return stateside to become an instructor. But he applied to SEAL Team 6 after two years, earning his way onto the squad in 2010.

He asked the military to return him to combat and shipped out just six weeks before he was killed, Vaughn said.

"He was doing what he loved to do and he was a true warrior," Geneva Vaughn said.

Aaron Vaughn leaves behind his wife, Kimberly, and two children, 2-year-old son Reagan and 2-month-old daughter Chamberlyn.

"They will take away his love for Christ. They will take his dream and his love for the country, and they will know what an amazing man he is," Kimberly said about the children in an interview on NBC's "Today" show Monday.

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Robert James Reeves and Jonas Kelsall had been childhood friends in Shreveport, La., where they played soccer together and graduated from Caddo Magnet High School, Kelsall's father, John, told The Times of Shreveport and KLSA-TV.

Both joined the military after graduation, though the 32-year-old Reeves spent a year at Louisiana State University first, his father, Jim Reeves, told the newspaper.

Reeves became a SEAL in 1999 and served on SEAL Team 6, his father said. During his many deployments, he earned four Bronze Stars and other honors.

Kelsall, 33, was one of the first members of SEAL Team 7, his father said.

He trained in San Diego and met his wife of three years, Victoria, when he was attending the University of Texas out of Basic Underwater Demolition training, his father said.

Reeves placed several American flags outside his home and his neighbors joined in, many decorating their homes in red, white and blue in support of the families.

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When he was a Maui High School football player, no one could match Kraig Vickers' intensity on the field.

But off the field? "You couldn't find a nicer guy," his former coach remembers.

"He played middle linebacker, so he was really smart, the quarterback of the defense; and when he put on his helmet, no one could match his intensity and aggressiveness," coach Curtis Lee told the Maui News.

Vickers, who would have turned 37 on Thursday, graduated from high school in 1992 and attended Evangel College in Missouri on a football scholarship. "He decided college wasn't for him," and returned home, his father, Robert Vickers, said. After stints in tree trimming and working as a hotel security guard, he became a certified scuba diver and decided to join the Navy in 1996.

He lived in Virginia Beach, Va., with his wife Nani, who is seven months' pregnant with their third child. Robert Vickers said she is making plans to return to Hawaii because she only has a small window of time before doctors won't allow her to fly.

"He wanted to be buried near the ocean," his father said, adding that the family is awaiting details on when the body will arrive on Maui.

Associated Press writers Timberly Ross in Omaha, Neb., Chris Talbott in Nashville, Rochelle Hines in Oklahoma City, Ron Todt in Philadelphia, Heather Hollingsworth, in Kansas City, Mo., Michael Melia in Hartford, Conn., and Alan Scher Zagier in Columbia, Mo., contributed to this report.

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dolores Barcinas Agulto Inos

Born to Life: January 23, 1948

Was called to her Eternal Life with Christ on August 6, 2011

In her new life, she now joins her:

Parents: Thomas Concepcion Agulto and Ana Barcinas Agulto
Brothers: Pedro Barcinas Agulto and Jesus Barcinas Agulto
Sisters : Maria Barcinas Agulto and Modesta Agulto Bartolo
Reared Daughter: Katherine Agulto Deleon Guerrero
Parents-in-law: Vicente Atalig Inos and Ana Songao Inos
Brother-in-law: Marcus Songao Inos
Sisters-in-law: Dianne Masga Inos and Dr. Rita Hocog-Inos

Her Spirit and Memories will live forever in the hearts of her:

Loving Husband: Eloy Songao Inos
Children: Dora Anne Inos-Deleon Guerrero (Gerald)
Desirae Dionne, Gerald John, and Eloy Thomas
 Elaine Michelle A. Inos (Joel S. Borja)
Jordan Esabella
 Eloise Kay A. Inos
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 Fleuretta Jean A. Inos
 Zeno C. Deleon Guerrero (Tina)
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In-laws: Pedro Bartolo & Children
 Dolores M. Agulto & Children
Brothers & Sisters-in-law: Cristobal S. Inos & Children
 Joseph S./Lucinda S. Inos & Children
 Esther I./Jose S. Basa & Children
 Juanita I./Raymond L. Takai & Children
 Rufin I./Thelma B. Inos & Children
 Lucy I./Raymond M. Sablan & Children
Dear Friend & Caregiver: Marita A. Corpuz

She is additionally survived by numerous cousins, nephews, nieces, godchildren and will be greatly missed by many friends.

Daily Mass is offered nightly at 6:00 p.m. at San Vicente Church, followed by the Holy Rosary.

On Monday, August 15, 2011, her remains will leave the Borja Funeral Home at 7:30 a.m. and will be escorted to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral for viewing and paying of last respects.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 a.m followed by interment service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwáiy and Thank You

Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, Children and Family

Life & Style

Anne Hathaway, 30 next year, fearless about aging

By NICOLE EVATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP)—Anne Hathaway is one Hollywood star who's wearing her age like a badge of honor.

"I find the passing of time very liberating," says the actress, who turns 29 in November. "I feel more confident every, well not every single day, but most days I feel better than I did the day before, and that's a good thing."

Hathaway hit the red carpet in New York on Monday night, sparkling in a gold and black Alexander McQueen dress, to premiere her latest romantic drama, "One Day." She said she feels a sense of freedom about approaching 30.

"For every generation where traditional rules don't apply, you don't have to have things figured out by 22 and have four kids by the time you're 30," said Hathaway, who's single but dating and has no children. "We have a lot more time to figure out who we are."

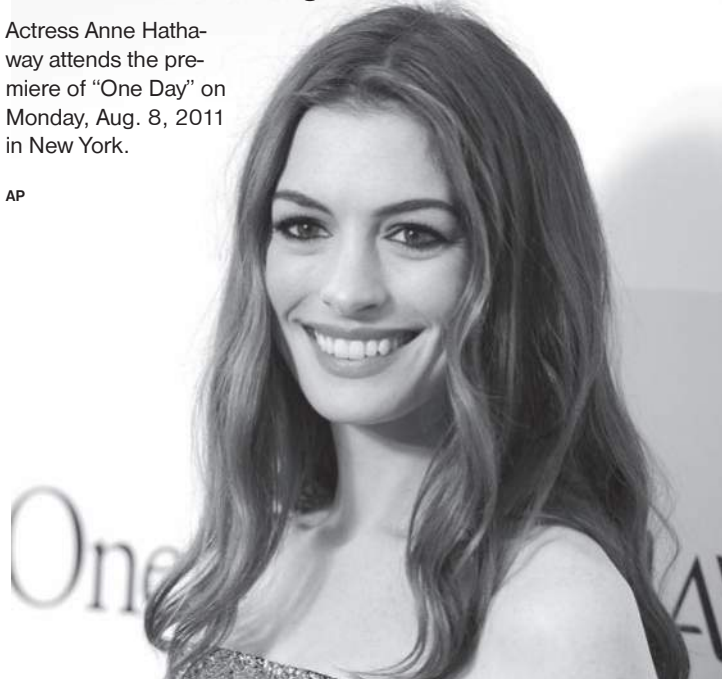
Case in point, Hathaway says: Meryl Streep, the 62-year-old Oscar winner.

"We have pioneers that show us there's no reason to be afraid, and I just think fear (of aging) is something that we perpetuate," Hathaway said. "Who needs it?"

"One Day," based on the best-selling novel by David Nicholls, follows the romantic journey of two best friends over 20 years. The film, opening Aug. 19, also stars British actor Jim Sturgess.

Actress Anne Hathaway attends the premiere of "One Day" on Monday, Aug. 8, 2011 in New York.

AP



Kanye West says people look at him 'like Hitler'



AP

In this May 21, 2011 photo, U.S. singer and rapper Kanye West performs at Mawazine Festival in Rabat, Morocco.

EASTNOR CASTLE DEER PARK, England (AP)—Kanye West says he feels like people look at him like Hitler.

The 34-year-old rapper known for his outbursts was the headline act at the Big Chill music festival Saturday night, where he ranted in the middle of his set about being misunderstood and underappreciated.

"I walk through the hotel and I walk down the street, and people look at me like I'm (expletive) insane, like I'm Hitler," he said. "One day the light will shine through and one day people will understand everything I ever did."

West received light boos from the crowd as a result.

The performer also defended the music video for his song

"Monster," which features cannibalism and girls hanging from their necks.

"Who saw the video before it got banned, before they took it down and before women's groups starting saying that a person that lost the most important woman in his life is now against women in some way?" asked West, referring to the 2007 death of his mother Donda West.

West, who started his set roughly 30-minutes late, apologized to the crowd for his tardiness, saying he needed to make sure his performance was great.

"Michael Jordan changed so much in basketball, he took his power to make a difference. It's so much (expletive) going on in music right now and somebody

has to make a (expletive) difference," he said.

The multiplatinum-seller is known for his outspokenness, most notably his diss toward Taylor Swift at the 2009 MTV Video Music Awards, where he grabbed the microphone from her as she accepted the award for best female video and said Beyonce should have won it. In 2005 he said "George Bush doesn't care about black people" during a Hurricane Katrina telethon.

At the music festival, West talked about some of his awards show drama, saying some of his sponsorships were canceled as a result.

But West closed his show on a positive note by paying tribute to Amy Winehouse.

Mountain peak for John Denver hits snag

ASPEN, Colorado (AP)—A movement to name a Colorado mountain peak after the late John Denver has hit a snag.

The effort has gained momentum in recent weeks as thousands of people signed a petition to recognize the singer with a mountain near where he wrote his hit, "Rocky Mountain High." Denver is a revered figure in Colorado—so much that

it made "Rocky Mountain High" an official state song.

The peak in question is on Mount Sopris, named after a man who led a prospecting expedition near the mountain. It's also in the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness Area, which poses a problem for the proposal, the U.S. Board on Geographic Names told the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel.

The board's executive secretary, Lou Yost, said renaming the peak could be forbidden under a federal wilderness law.

He said that based on the board's interpretation of the Wilderness Act of 1964, applying any more new names to features in wilderness areas detracts from the wilderness experience. Exceptions could be made for safety or educational purposes, he added.

J.P. McDaniel, of Littleton, Colorado, said she has received thousands of signatures supporting the plan and that she's sending application documents to the board. Yost said he has yet to receive McDaniel's proposal.

Denver was killed in 1997 when the experimental aircraft he was piloting crashed into the ocean near Pacific Grove, California.

Huffman: Sad but psyched by 'Housewives' ending

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP)—Never underestimate Wisteria Lane's grapevine.

On Sunday, ABC officially confirmed reports that the upcoming season of "Desperate Housewives" would be its last.

But series star Felicity Huffman got the bad news on Friday—in an e-mail from her co-star Marcia Cross.

Only after that did she get the call from "Housewives" creator Marc Cherry.

Huffman, who plays frustrated stay-at-home mom Lynette, said

she shed a few tears at her kitchen table while consoled by her husband, actor William H. Macy.

Then, she said, their 9-year-old daughter entered the room and set her straight: "It's OK, mama. You'll work again."

"Desperate Housewives," a sassy prime-time soap opera with an ensemble cast also including Teri Hatcher and Eva Longoria, made a splash when it premiered in 2004 but has since seen a falloff in the ratings and viewer buzz.

At an ABC press party Sunday night, Huffman said she was

sad that "Housewives" would be ending after eight seasons. But she's also exhilarated by potential story lines in the show's home stretch.

In her mind, the troubled but so-far-enduring marriage of Lynette and Tom (played by Doug Savant) might be on the rocks.

"I think they could get divorced," Huffman proposed with undisguised relish. "All bets are off. I think it's so great to bust the lid off."



Huffman

Asked how she plans to cope with relinquishing the role of Lynette, Huffman quoted an old saying about recovering from a broken relationship: "The only way to get over somebody is to get under somebody," she chuckled. "I just think it takes another job."

Marcia Cross, who plays neurotic super-homemaker Bree, insisted she hadn't meant to break the news to Huffman in that e-mail.

CELEBRITY EXTRA

By CINDY ELAVSKY
KING FEATURES SYND., INC.

Q: It seems like every other year, there is a rumor that "Jurassic Park 4" is going to made. But so far, no movie. Will it ever happen?—Paul G., Miami

A: All signs point to "yes." Producer/director Steven Spielberg told a crowd of enthusiastic sci-fi fans at last month's San Diego Comic-Con fan convention that there will be another "Jurassic Park," and it might be only two to three years away. Steven said that he has a story and a screenwriter ready to go for the fourth movie of the dinosaur-clone series, and Steven himself will serve as producer.

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Q: I really love MTV's new teen comedy, "Awkward." The actor who plays Matty looks really familiar. Can you tell me what else I might have seen him in recently?—Cara D., via e-mail

A: Beau Mirchoff, 21, plays Matty, the nice-guy jock with a heart—and it appears he also has a thing for our heroine, Jenna. You might remember Beau from "Heartland," or from his turn as Drea de Matteo's son on "Desperate Housewives."

Of his year on "DH," Beau told me: "I learned so much from all the people on that set. They are pros, and they know what they're doing. I learned a lot from Jeffrey Nordling, who played my father, and Drea de Matteo, who was my mother. I had a big crush on Drea. I hope it didn't read on camera. That would have been creepy."

Playing a teen on "Awkward" has Beau remembering his own awkward time in high school: "Everything seems like such a dire situation. Like it's the last time you'll be able to do something. Or it's the end of the world if you can't go out with that girl. But it's really not, and it's so insignificant looking back. But you're growing up and you're figuring things out."

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Q: I was so sad to hear about the passing of singer Amy Winehouse. Do authorities know what caused her death?—Grant D., via e-mail

A: Toxicology reports will probably take weeks to get back, so it might be a while before we know what killed the troubled songstress, who was only 27 when she passed away on July 23. Amy had publicly battled addiction, but police say there were no signs of drug or paraphernalia in her home at the time of her death.

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CORRECTION: It was recently reported in this column (as well as many other entertainment columns)

that Mariska Hargitay would be in only 13 episodes of this coming season's "Law and Order: SVU."

Well, I am happy to amend that report with news from the Big Guy himself: Showrunner and executive producer Warren Leight contacted me to dispel the rumor. He told me: "Mariska will be in all 22 'SVU' episodes this season. Rumor she is leaving at 13 just wrong." With Christopher Meloni's Detective Stabler leaving, it's a relief to learn Mariska's Detective Benson will be sticking around.



Mariska Hargitay

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Lionsgate announces 'Dirty Dancing' remake

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Dirty Dancing" is coming back to the big screen.

Lionsgate says it is remaking the 1987 film that starred Jennifer Grey as a naive dance student and Patrick Swayze as her teacher and lover.

The studio said Monday that

Kenny Ortega, who choreographed the original film, will direct the remake.

Ortega says he is eager to discover and cast "the next breakout triple-threats" to define dancing for a generation, the way Swayze did in the original "Dirty Dancing."

Gavin DeGraw injured after assault

NEW YORK (AP)—Singer-songwriter Gavin DeGraw is recovering after being attacked by a group of men on a city street.

Police say DeGraw suffered a broken nose and a cut to his face after he was beaten up by "unknown male attackers" early Sunday morning. An investigation is ongoing.

A statement sent out by his

spokesman Monday night says he was taken to Bellevue Hospital in an ambulance and is still hospitalized under observation.

DeGraw has been forced to cancel a planned concert Tuesday in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

DeGraw has a new album, "Sweeter," due out in September. He's probably best known for his hit song "Chariot."

LA children's hospital gets art by Michael Jackson

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Sketches by Michael Jackson as well as a signed portrait of the entertainer will decorate the walls of Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

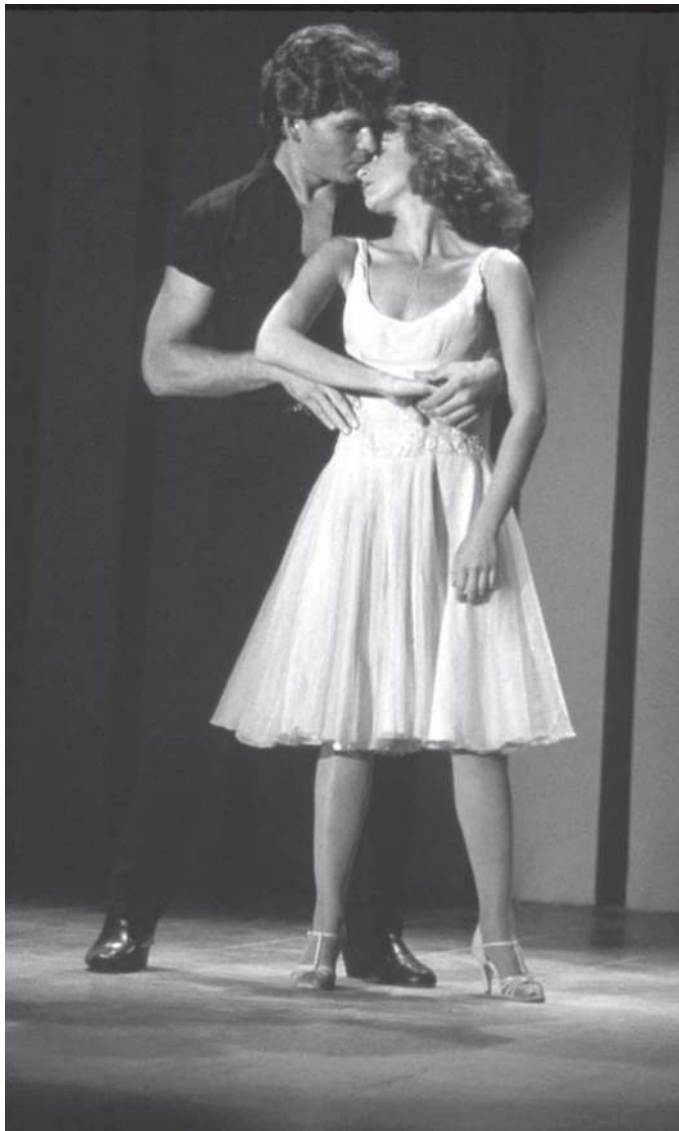
Jackson's three children—Prince, Paris and Blanket—were on hand Monday to unveil the donated artwork. They include a dozen sketches drawn and signed by Jackson and a photographed portrait of him.

The works depicting Mickey

Mouse, furniture and other objects were donated by Brett Livingstone-Strong, an artist and friend of Jackson's.

Former "Entertainment Tonight" host Mary Hart, a hospital trustee, arranged the donation. She says the sketches show a different side of Jackson.

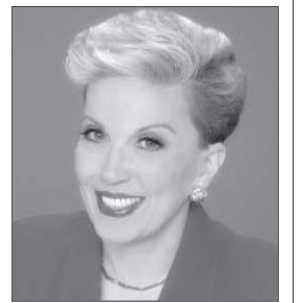
The singer's sister, La Toya Jackson, says she believes the art will bring joy to children at the hospital.



AP
In this image provided by Lionsgate Home Entertainment, Patrick Swayze, portraying Johnny Castle, and Jennifer Grey, portraying Baby Houseman, are shown in a scene from the film, "Dirty Dancing."

Pregnant girl who's showing can't prevent parents knowing

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16 and pregnant. The father of my baby is my stepbrother. It's my fault because I seduced him when we were home alone. Last night my sister said I need to go on a diet because I'm gaining weight, and she joked that I look pregnant. I don't think she has any idea that I really am.

I won't be able to hide this pregnancy much longer. My parents will go crazy, and my stepbrother will also be in major trouble even though it isn't really his fault. I can tell you my mom will not be understanding. Please help.

DESPERATE FOR ADVICE

DEAR DESPERATE: You're right—this is major trouble. But your parents have to be told, not only because your pregnancy will soon become obvious, but also because for the sake of the baby, you must have prenatal care. If you are afraid to tell them by yourself, then approach them with the help of another adult, either a close friend or a relative you can confide in. The only thing you shouldn't do is wait any longer.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been feeling a great deal of guilt for a number of years after my parents' deaths. They both died of natural causes.

When the church services were over, my sister and brothers stood together in line and thanked everyone for coming. I could hardly sit through the service, much less thank anyone for attending. I was the first to leave the service and drove home to be alone.

Was I wrong not to stand with my siblings? I could hardly control my own feelings. It was impossible for me to deal with those of the others. What do you think, Abby?

WORKING THROUGH GRIEF

DEAR WORKING: I think you are beating yourself up needlessly. Grieving is a personal process, and people do it in their own individual way. Because you needed to be alone, you were right to leave.

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DEAR ABBY: I am dating a woman who is a prostitute and have developed feelings for her. The problem is her "job" gets in the way. I thought I could be OK with this, but I am not. She says she needs me and wants me in her life. She has talked about getting another job, but nothing ever happens. What should I do?

MY NAME'S NOT JOHN

DEAR NOT JOHN: This woman has already demonstrated that she is not going to change professions. What you should do is find a woman who isn't a prostitute and whose profession doesn't "get in the way." It will be healthier and less frustrating for you.

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DEAR ABBY: The other day my boyfriend discovered my diary and started reading it even though I asked him not to. I took it away from him, and he accused me of hiding something from him. I'm not hiding anything, it's just very personal. Is it wrong that I prefer to keep my diary a private matter?

NOTHING TO HIDE IN NEW YORK

DEAR NOTHING TO HIDE: No, it's not wrong. Many people who keep journals also prefer to keep them private. What IS wrong is your boyfriend snooping in the diary after you asked him not to, and then accusing you of hiding something from him when you told him it made you uncomfortable. If you have given him no reason to mistrust you, that's an indication that he is insecure and doesn't respect boundaries. And it's a red flag.

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SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

\$5,000 guitar stolen in Memphis from Clinton band

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)—A guitar valued at \$5,000 has been stolen from the tour bus of George Clinton and his P-Funk band. Shelby County Sheriff spokesman Chip Washington said Monday that the guitar was taken Saturday while the group was in town performing. He said the instrument, brand name XOX Audio Tools, was designed for a member of Clinton's band. Washington said the theft is under investigation, and it's not clear if the bus was broken into.

Police: K-9 sniffed drugs on rapper Big Boi

MIAMI (AP)—Police say a K-9 dog smelled drugs on Grammy-winning OutKast rapper Big Boi as he was getting off a cruise ship in Miami. A warrant from Sunday's arrest released Monday says customs agents patted down the 36-year-old rapper, whose real name is Antwan Patton, and found Ecstasy and Viagra pills and a cigarette roller with marijuana residue. Patton was also accused of carrying MDMA, which is the main ingredient in Ecstasy. Big Boi was charged with three counts of possession of a controlled substance and one count of possession of drug paraphernalia. The rapper was released on \$16,000 bond. Phone and email messages left with his publicists were not immediately returned. The Atlanta-based group OutKast won six Grammys and churned out six platinum-plus albums, including "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below."

Reality show star charged with probation violation

BOLIVIA, North Carolina (AP)—A U.S. teenager who stars on MTV's reality show "Teen Mom 2" has been charged with a pro-

bation violation. Brunswick County Detention Center Officer Chris Farmer said Jenelle Evans was brought to the county jail Monday evening. He did not have details of the arrest other than the charge. Evans attorney Dustin Sullivan did not immediately return messages left after hours Monday. The 19-year-old Evans was charged with assault in March after a fight recorded on video. A month later, she received 12 months of probation and community service for a drug paraphernalia charge. "Teen Mom" documents the challenges of four teens' first years of motherhood.

Lynn forced to cancel dates due to knee surgery

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Loretta Lynn has been sidelined by knee surgery. A statement says the country music icon will cancel dates through a Sept. 3 show at her ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee. She is scheduled to undergo reconstructive knee surgery and needs time to recover. Lynn says in the statement she's "sad" to cancel the shows, "but they tell me I've just got to stay off this knee for a while." Lynn recently returned to live performances with a show at the Grand Ole Opry after being forced to cancel shows in Ohio and Connecticut because she was hospitalized for heat exhaustion. The 76-year-old Country Music Hall of Fame member said she had spent too much time in her garden in extreme heat. Lynn will try to reschedule her missed dates.

Rain blows out amps, cancels INXS show in US

PLAINS, Pennsylvania (AP)—A concert by the Australian band INXS at a northeastern Pennsylvania casino had to be canceled after a rain storm shorted out the electrical system. The Times-Tribune of Scranton reports the band was in the middle of its fourth song at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs on Sunday night when heavy rain covered the stage and

blew out the amplifiers. The band, popular in the 1980s and 1990s with hits like "Devil Inside", "What You Need", and "Need You Tonight", signed autographs and chatted with fans after the show was canceled.

Starz teams with BBC Worldwide Productions

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP)—Starz Entertainment and BBC Worldwide Productions are joining forces to develop and air TV programming. The new series will be one-hour dramas with global appeal, the companies said Monday in announcing the multiyear partnership. But the programming, potentially as much as 100 hours, will air exclusively in the United States on the Starz premium networks. The companies said the titles of the programs will be announced later. "Torchwood: Miracle Day" is the first scripted series produced by BBC Worldwide Productions. It is currently airing in its first season on Starz. The company also produces ABC's "Dancing With the Stars."

Vince Neil trial delayed on Vegas battery charge

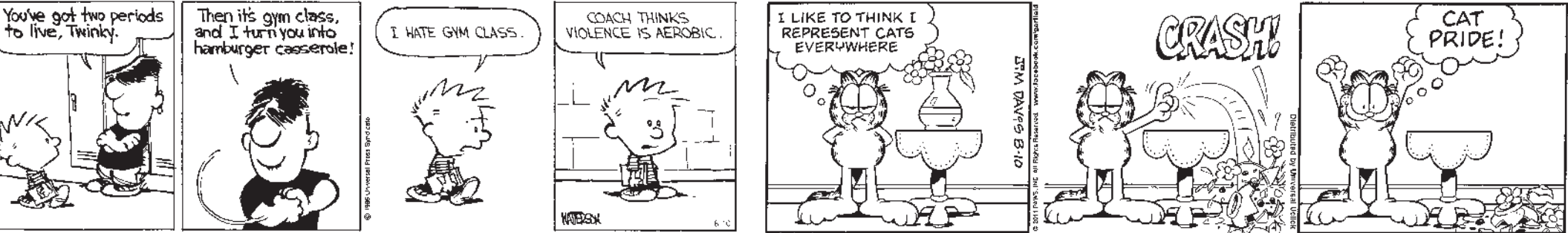
LAS VEGAS (AP)—Motley Crue singer Vince Neil is getting an emergency postponement in his Las Vegas trial on misdemeanor charges stemming from a confrontation with an ex-girlfriend at a casino comedy club. A Las Vegas judge granted the request Monday during a brief hearing. The trial was rescheduled for Nov. 7. A lawyer for the 50-year-old rocker did not explain why he was requesting the continuance. Neil did not appear in court for the hearing. Neil has pleaded not guilty to the misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct charges. He's accused of poking the chest of Las Vegas entertainment reporter Alicia Jacobs in a casino comedy club March 24, and cursing and pointing at Jacobs and two friends sitting with her.

Pastimes

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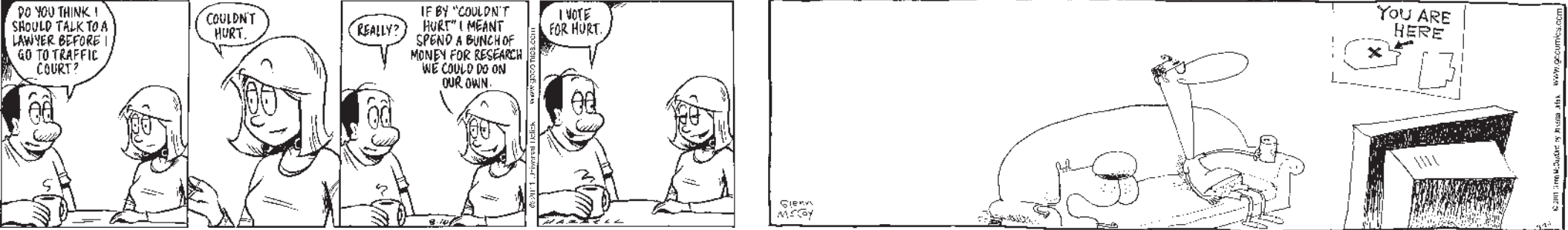
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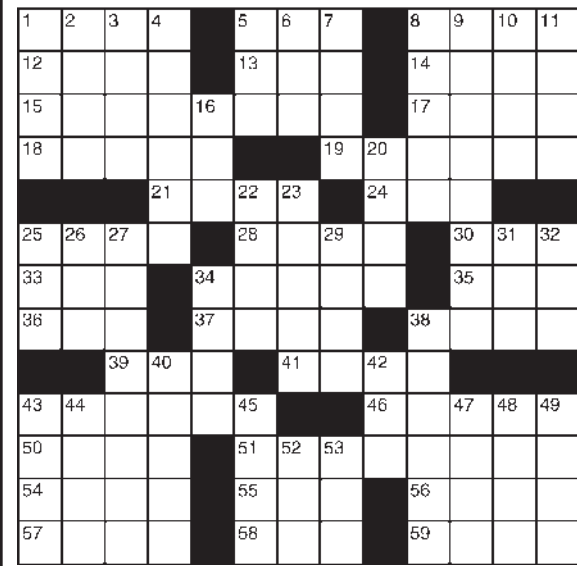


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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Angie Harmon, 39; Justin Theroux, 40; Antonio Banderas, 51; Rosanna Arquette, 52.

Happy Birthday: Network all you can, but don't promise anything you cannot deliver. The whole point of getting out and mingling is to listen attentively and to find out what others have to offer you. Bragging may make you feel good, but it won't leave the impression you want to make this year or help you gain the confidence of the people you want to get to know better. Your numbers are 4, 11, 17, 22, 27, 29, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You need a pick-me-up. Do something that will make you feel good about you or that will improve your looks or lifestyle. Don't let worries about work get you down. Do your best, and avoid anyone who is being negative. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Communication will be your road to success. Your honesty and experience will bring you the attention and recognition you deserve. You will be able to show the difference between what you have to offer and what someone else claims he or she can do. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make personal changes at home, but don't go over budget or you will have to face someone who is unhappy with your choices. A suggestion you make to a group will be well-received and will put you in a leadership position. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't blame others when it's you who has made a mistake. Remain calm; getting

angry will only make matters worse. Do your best to quietly repair whatever damage has been done. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Mix business with pleasure and you will make an impact on friends and colleagues. Don't be afraid to step into the spotlight. Your strength and courage will lead to a better position and a higher status as long as you stick to facts and avoid bragging. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You need to enjoy yourself more. Get out and do things that make you happy. Networking will pay off and help you understand better what you want and what you will do to get it. A window of opportunity is apparent. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emotional problems will surface with friends and family if you aren't careful how you handle situations. You have to be careful with whom you share information if you want to avoid an argument. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Talk is cheap but consequences are not if you say the wrong thing. Listen, and if you do contribute anything, make sure it is factual. A deal you are trying to make will happen if you are honest and aggressive about getting it completed. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are overdue for a little excitement and a change of scenery. An opportunity will come from an unusual place in your past. Don't disregard anything that's offered, big or small. ***

EUGENIA LAST THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotions will be difficult to control and disputes hard to avoid. It is best to stick close to home. Don't limit what you can achieve because you are involved in a no-win situation. Get rid of whatever is holding you hostage. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Relationships may need a little work and a few minor adjustments to clear the air and move forward. Honesty will be the key to getting what you want, as well as gaining the respect of those you care about most. ***

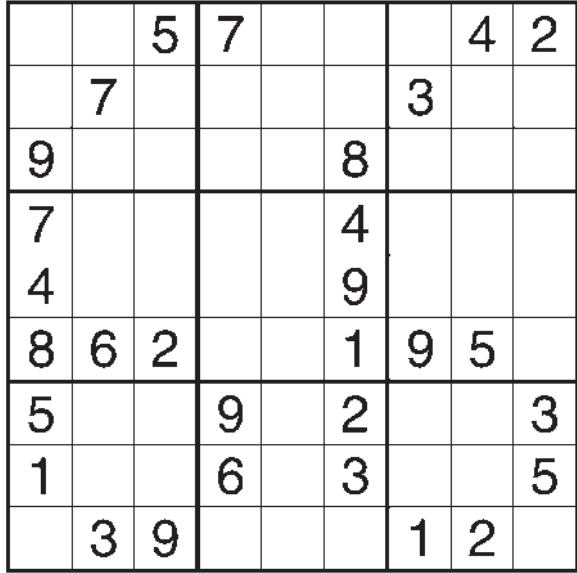
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do your best to help others. An opportunity will arise through someone you have worked with or done a favor for in the past. Reuniting with people who have something to contribute to your life will lead to the chance to finish something you started a long time ago. ****

Birthday Baby: You will fight hard, give your best and adapt when necessary.

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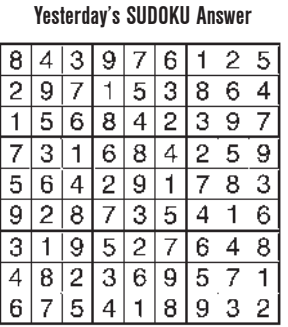
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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

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CONTRACT: Not Contracted.


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LOCATION: Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

POSITIONS: At least one per JVA.


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LOCATION: Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

POSITIONS: At least one per JVA.

SALARY: \$17,282.00 to \$25,059.00 per annum.

CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

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Padres hand Pirates 10th straight loss, 7-3



PITTSBURGH
(AP)—The fading Pittsburgh Pirates

finished up the worst home series in their 125-year history to lose their 10th straight game overall, beaten by Mat Latos (6-11) and the San Diego Padres 7-3 Sunday.

Latos' mastery continued the misery for the Pirates, who completed an 0-7 stay at PNC Park against the last-place Padres and Chicago Cubs, two teams that were a combined 39 games under .500 when the week began.

Pittsburgh was winless on a homestand of at least seven games for the first time in franchise history, STATS LLC said. No team in the majors has had a homestand that long without a win since Kansas City in May 2006.

A day after the Pirates held a players-only meeting following a 13-2 loss, they trailed 7-0 going into the bottom of the eighth.

Kevin Correia (12-10) allowed one run on three hits through 5 2-3 innings before running into two-out trouble in the sixth. He was charged with four runs on five hits and four walks, falling to 2-8 at home this season.

Giants 3, Phillies 1

In San Francisco, Tim Lincecum stayed sharp until getting hit in the right knee by Chase Utley's bounding bat as San Francisco ended Philadelphia's season-high nine-game winning streak, tagging Roy Oswalt and beating the Phillies.

Jeff Keppinger had four hits as the Giants spoiled Oswalt's return from the disabled list. San Francisco avoided a four-game sweep in a matchup of NL division leaders.

Lincecum (10-9) went down in the eighth inning when Utley accidentally lost his grip and the bat skittered toward the mound. Utley went out to check on Lincecum, who handed back the bat, walked it off and stayed in the game. Utley then hit a one-out single.

Utley's act of sportsmanship was a far cry from the bench-clearing brawl between the clubs Friday night.

Brian Wilson finished for his 34th save in 38 chances, closing out the Giants' second win in 10 games.

Braves 6, Mets 5

In New York, Chipper Jones hit a tie-breaking single in the ninth inning of a wild game that included injuries to New York's top two hitters, Jose Reyes and Daniel Murphy.

Jason Heyward, Alex Gonzalez and Jose Constanza homered early for the Braves, who finally solved rookie Dillon Gee and handed the Mets their sixth loss in seven games. Dan Uggla extended his hitting streak to a career-best 28 games.

It was the first major league homer for Constanza—he also got his first stolen base, spiking Murphy in the process.

Reyes, the National League batting leader, was lifted in the second because of stiffness in his left hamstring, the same spot that landed him on the disabled list last month.

Brewers 7, Astros 3

In Houston, Zack Greinke equaled a season high by going seven innings and Prince Fielder homered to help Milwaukee beat Houston for its sixth straight win.



San Diego Padres pitcher Mat Latos delivers in the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh, Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011.

Fielder had three hits and scored four runs for the Brewers, who have won 11 of their last 12 games. Yuniesky Betancourt drove in three runs.

Mark Kotsay added three hits and an RBI in place of the injured Corey Hart.

Greinke (10-4) allowed a run and four hits. He's won his last three starts and kept opponents to two earned runs or fewer in his last six.

Cardinals 8, Marlins 4

In Miami, Matt Holliday drove in three runs with a pair of two-out singles and Albert Pujols homered as St. Louis rallied to complete its first four-game series sweep on the road since 2004 by beating Florida.

In a single series, the Cardinals matched their longest winning streak of the season.

Pujols hit his third home run of the series and his 27th this season, and his intentional walk backfired on the Marlins in the sixth inning, when Holliday followed with a tying single. The Marlins then intentionally walked Lance Berkman, and Jon Jay foiled that strategy with a two-run single.

After Florida tied the game, the Cardinals went ahead to stay with three unearned runs in the seventh after a throwing error by shortstop Emilio Bonifacio. Ryan Theriot's RBI single put St. Louis up 5-4, and Holliday added a two-run single.

Diamondbacks 4, Dodgers 3

In Phoenix, Cody Ransom made his first homer of the season a memorable one, lifting a two-run shot off All-Star Clayton Kershaw in the seventh inning to help Arizona rally past Los Angeles and avoid a three-game sweep.

Kelly Johnson hit two-run homer to the pool deck in right-center off Kershaw (13-5) in the first inning and Ransom's shot to left to put the Diamondbacks back ahead.

Ian Kennedy (14-3) pitched seven effective innings to win his sixth straight start and J.J. Putz worked a perfect ninth for his 26th save to keep

Arizona within a half-game of the NL West-leading Giants.

Reds 8, Cubs 7

In Chicago, Ryan Hanigan hit a tie-breaking single off Sean Marshall in Cincinnati's two-run eighth inning as the Reds ended Chicago's seven-game winning streak.

Center fielder Marlon Byrd slipped while chasing Joey Votto's shallow pop fly to start the eighth against Marshall (5-5). Votto scored on Todd Frazier's double to tie the game.

Frazier, Drew Stubbs and Edgar Renteria all hit home runs for Cincinnati. Nick Masset (2-5) got the final out in the seventh.

Starlin Castro and Blake DeWitt homered for Chicago.

Nationals 3, Rockies 2

In Denver, Jonny Gomes hit his first home run for Washington, Jayson Werth delivered a tiebreaking single in the eighth inning as the Nationals beat Colorado.

The Rockies split the four-game series and went 2-5 on their homestand. Eliezer Alfonzo got three hits for Colorado and Troy Tulowitzki had two.

Washington scored the deciding run off reliever Matt Belisle (5-4). Danny Espinosa opened the eighth with a double and moved to third on Ryan Zimmerman's groundout. After an intentional walk to Michael Morse, Werth singled sharply to left field.

Red Sox 8, Twins 6

In Minneapolis, Boston's David Ortiz hit the go-ahead single with two outs in the ninth inning, capping an impressive personal game and lifting the Red Sox to an 8-6 win over the Minnesota Twins in the American League on Monday.

Ortiz, a former Twin, hit a two-run homer in the sixth, finishing with four hits and three RBIs; only a triple shy of hitting the cycle. Jarrod Saltalamacchia added a homer and two RBIs to help the Red Sox move 1-2/2 games ahead of the idle New York Yankees in the AL

East division.

Marco Scutaro chipped in with three hits, and Boston reliever Alfredo Aceves (8-1) gave up one run in an inning for the victory.

Glen Perkins (3-2) gave up two runs in 1 2-3 innings to take the loss for the Twins, who suffered their fifth straight defeat.

Rangers 9, Mariners 2

In Arlington, Matt Harrison pitched seven strong innings for his career-high 10th victory, guiding Texas past Seattle.

Harrison (10-8) allowed two runs with six strikeouts and no walks, surpassing his nine-win rookie season in 2008.

Nelson Cruz homered and had three hits. Mitch Moreland and Yorvit Torrealba also had three hits for the AL West-leading Rangers, who stretched their lead over the idle Los Angeles Angels to 1-1/2 games.

The Rangers scored twice in the second against rookie Charlie Furbush (1-1) with the help of the Mariners' second error of the night. Furbush allowed seven runs over four-plus innings.

Rays 2, Royals 1

In St. Petersburg, Casey Kotchman led

off the ninth inning with a home run and also hit a run-scoring single to lift Tampa Bay over Kansas City.

Kotchman drove the first pitch from Blake Wood (5-1) over the center field fence.

Rays closer Kyle Farnsworth (4-1) pitched a perfect ninth to earn the win.

White Sox 7, Orioles 6

In Baltimore, A.J. Pierzynski homered and drove in three runs to power Chicago to a narrow win over Baltimore.

Gordon Beckham also connected for the White Sox, who blew a four-run lead before rallying to secure their season-high sixth consecutive road win.

Baltimore's J.J. Hardy hit a three-run homer in the seventh off Jesse Crain (6-3) to put Baltimore up 6-5, but the White Sox regained the lead against Jim Johnson (5-4).

Paul Konerko walked, Carlos Quentin singled and Pierzynski hit a sacrifice fly to tie the game. Alex Rios then singled under the glove of the third baseman to bring home Quentin for the winner.

Sergio Santos struck out the side in a perfect ninth for his 23rd save of the season.

Paterno in hospital after player runs into him



STATE COLLEGE, Pa.
(AP)—Joe Paterno was hos-

pitalized and

undergoing tests on his right arm and hip after a player ran into the 84-year-old coach during practice.

Paterno was admitted Sunday evening to Mount Nittany Medical Center after he walked away from the collision with a receiver, the school said Monday. Receiver Devon Smith was running a drill on the offensive side of the field when he blindsided the Hall of Fame coach, who was watching the defense.

"I expect to be back at practice soon," Paterno said in a statement. "I'm doing fine; tell everyone not to worry about me."

Dr. Wayne Sebastianelli, Penn State director of athletic medicine, said it doesn't appear surgery will be required. The school said Paterno could be released in the next 24 hours.

Doctors were evaluating his shoulder and pelvis, and there was no firm diagnosis yet on the extent of the injuries, said a person Monday night familiar with the team who requested anonymity because no one was authorized to speak about his condition.

JoePa, notorious for his stubbornness and pain threshold, walked away from the collision and stayed on his feet for the rest of the practice period before being encouraged to get checked out by a doctor.

Paterno conducted Monday morning's coaches meeting by phone from the hospital, according to Penn State. Assistant coaches will be running practice while Paterno is gone and it was unclear how long that would be, athletic department spokesman Jeff Nelson said in an email.

Practice resumed Monday as scheduled, with the team in full pads

for the first time this summer. Football media day, originally scheduled for Thursday, was postponed.

Paterno is entering his 46th season as Penn State's head coach and is the winningest coach in the history of major college football with 401 victories.

Speculation about when and if he will retire has long been constant around Happy Valley, though Paterno himself generally dismisses the topic. But when health issues come up, the chatter seems to intensify.

Paterno's health has been a frequent issue in recent seasons.

In 2006, he broke his leg in a sideline collision during Penn State's game against Wisconsin at Camp Randall Stadium. A hip injury forced him to spend much of the 2008 season coaching from a seat near the press box, where the offensive coordinator usually sets up.

He typically surveyed practices that season from a golf cart before having hip surgery after the season.

During the 2010 offseason, Paterno had to scale back his personal appearances because an intestinal issue and an adverse reaction to antibiotics prescribed for dental work. He also cut back on in-season obligations and taped segments instead of appearing live on a weekly radio show.

But as the 2010 season went on, Paterno's health seemed to be improving. And at the recent Big Ten media days in Chicago, Paterno said he was feeling great and he looked and sounded better than he had at the same event a year earlier.

Paterno signed a three-year contract extension in late 2008 that runs out after this season, but Paterno's status at Penn State hardly seems reliant on a contract these days. Penn State has no public plans in place to shift leadership of the program.

LeBron: I'm 'optimistic' NBA season can be saved



AKRON, Ohio (AP)—LeBron James stood before 360 third-graders on Monday, telling them their futures are bright.

Plenty of ominous signs notwithstanding, he believes the same is true for the NBA.

In an interview with The Associated Press, the Miami Heat forward said he is not considering offers to play internationally during the NBA lockout—with one catch. He's committed to the 2012 Olympics and trying to help the United States defend the gold medal he helped win at the Beijing Games.

"I'm optimistic that we will have a season this year," James said. "Very optimistic."

A little anxious, too.

He's working out twice a day, trying to erase some of the sting that's still there after the Heat lost to the Dallas Mavericks in the NBA finals.

"Right now I've just been focusing on being a better player, working on my game every single day," James said at a news conference before the AP interview. "Like I said, the Dallas Mavericks were a great team and they deserved to win that championship. And I'll just use that as motivation coming into this season."

He's also trying to deliver on his vow to be even better whenever the Heat resume play, saying he's been in Houston at times this offseason to learn post play from one of the game's all-time greats, former Rockets star Hakeem Olajuwon.

"I look at what he was able to do throughout his career," James said. "Unbelievable talent. Multiple champion. Just to see how he was able to dominate in the low post, for me as an individual, I just try to look at some of the things I feel I need to get better at and hit home at it. Our team becomes better if I continue to get better and that's what it's about."

So even with signs of major trouble afoot in the NBA—union chief Billy Hunter told a conference of attorneys in Baltimore last week that he would bet against there being a 2011-12 season "at this moment"—James remains hopeful.

He said he understands why someone like star guard Deron Williams would feel compelled to seek a deal overseas and why Kobe Bryant appears to be flirting with the notion. It's just not for him, he said.

"We all love the game of basketball so much," James said. "And the love of the game is always going to be there. Guys love the game."

The Olympics count as a motivating force as well. And in time, he hinted he may even try recruiting some of his NBA pals in an effort to convince them to play in London next summer.

Not yet, though.

"I love representing my country and doing it the way I love to do it and that's playing the game of basketball," James said. "So I would love to be a part of the 2012 team traveling to London and defending our gold medal."

James was in his hometown Monday to open "Wheels for Education," a program he's doing in conjunction with corporate partners State Farm, HP and Nike to provide hundreds of third-graders from Akron Public Schools academic tools they need. The program will follow those kids through their high school graduations in 2021, and James wants the initiative to continue growing annually—plus even sees



AP
Miami Heat's LeBron James answers questions ranging from his charitable efforts to the NBA lockout, during an interview in Akron, Ohio, Monday, Aug. 8, 2011.

a chance to take it beyond his hometown, maybe to South Florida, maybe even internationally.

Doused by rain on his 2-mile bike ride through Akron with 22 children ambassadors for the program pedaling alongside him, James said it still resonates deeply within in when he hears screams of joy in his hometown. Some people carrying signs in support of James showed up at the event more than two hours beforehand, hoping just for a glimpse of the two-time NBA MVP.

"He just lives in Miami," said Doris Thomas, who brought her grandson. "He's one of us. He's Akron."

The kids all get a laptop, a backpack with school supplies, and a bike.

"I believe LeBron is a better person than he is a basketball player," Akron Mayor Donald Plusquellic said. "And I believe he's the best basketball player that ever lived. So that puts it in perspective, because he cares. He gives back. He doesn't have to do this. Riding around the city street, taking a chance on falling or something, giving back here and having some jerk yell something like they yell at me ... there's a sincerity inside of him."

Monday's event was part of a busy two days for James: On Tuesday, a new \$240,000 clubhouse—some of the \$3 million generated from his 'Decision' show last summer—at Akron's Boys & Girls Club will be named in his honor, and later that

night James and four of his high school teammates will be added to the athletic Hall of Fame at their alma mater, St. Vincent-St. Mary High School.

"I'm just using what I have, using my ability, for better and good," James said.

James touched on a variety of other topics in his interview with The AP, including:

■ How he finds motivation to work, even with many people expecting the NBA season to be delayed, at least: "I believe that Billy Hunter and the owners and (NBA Commissioner) David Stern are going to work toward having a season this year. And I'll be ready for it."

■ His upcoming trip to China, which starts later this week: "I look at it as an opportunity for me to go there and to continue to see the growth of the game of basketball. I've been there, I think this is going to be my fifth time being there and every year I continue to see the growth of the game and how inspired they are by the game of basketball. And mostly the game is played outdoors. That's another thing that I hit home ... when I grew up, that's all we had."

■ How he is still overwhelmed by the reaction when he makes appearances in Akron and around the world, especially from kids: "It's very humbling that not only I can get a great reception here in my hometown but also when

I travel abroad I get the same reception. It was never like a dream of mine, but at the same time, it's very satisfying to see that these kids love the way I play the game of basketball and respect the way I play the game of basketball every night."

James seemed completely relaxed. He was surrounded Monday by nearly his entire inner circle: Longtime girlfriend Savannah Brinson, his mother, his two sons, many of his closest friends and advisers, even former teammates like Damon Jones.

He urges fans to relax as well. James had a message for NBA fans, suggesting they not abandon hope for the season.

"Stay positive," James said. "The game of basketball, we all love it. And we're going to try everything in our power to make sure that this game stays at a high level. And for me personally, I do it because of the fans. Every night I go out on the basketball court, I try to showcase my talent at the highest level because of the fans. They are our league. Our fans are our league."

London violence raises 2012 Olympic concerns



LONDON (AP)—Less than a year before London hosts the 2012 Games, scenes of rioting and looting a few miles from the main Olympic site have raised concerns about security and policing for the event.

Images of buildings and vehicles in flames broadcast around the world are also poor publicity for the capital as it prepares to stage the games for a third time.

The unrest, which started Saturday night in the Tottenham area of north London after a police shooting, spread closer to the Olympic complex Monday when scattered violence broke out in the Hackney area of east London.

"You can imagine how stretched the police would be if this were to occur during the Olympics," said Tony Travers, a local government expert at the London School of Economics. "So I think this will create a worry within City Hall and the Home Office."

"It's not so much that this might happen again—unlikely—as that it reminds the people in charge that while the Olympic Games are going on, any other major event is going to be complicated."

Groups of youths, many wearing hoods and masks, attacked shops and windows in Hackney. Police in riot gear were pelted with pieces of wood and other objects.

The government said more than 200 people had been arrested and more than two dozen charged over three days of trouble. Police said at least 35 police officers were injured.

Sports also felt the impact, with two soccer matches called off because police needed to focus its resources on the violence. East London's West Ham said police told it to postpone the League Cup match against Aldershot on Tuesday because "all major public events in London were to be rearranged," while south London side Charlton said its cup match against Reading was being called off "on safety grounds" on advice from the police.

Hackney is one of the five boroughs encompassing the Olympic Park, a 1-square-mile site that will be the centerpiece of the games, which start on July 27, 2012. Monday's violence took place about 4 miles from the park.

The park includes the Olympic Stadium, which will host the opening and closing ceremonies and track

and field competition, as well as the velodrome, aquatics center, basketball arena, handball arena and main press and broadcast center.

Other Olympic venues are located at various sites around the capital, including Hyde Park (triathlon), Horse Guards Parade (beach volleyball), Wembley Stadium (football) and Wimbledon (tennis). There has been no violence in those areas.

For civic leaders and Olympic organizers, the violence was an unwelcome reminder of London's volatility, less than two weeks after the city celebrated the one-year countdown to the games with great fanfare.

The International Olympic Committee said it had confidence in British authorities.

"Security at the Olympic Games is a top priority for the IOC," spokesman Mark Adams said. "It is, however, directly handled by the local authorities, as they know best what is appropriate and proportionate. We are confident they will do a good job in this domain."

The London organizing committee for the Olympics, declined to comment on the trouble, in what appeared to be an attempt to avoid making any links between the violence and the games.

Two police cars and a double-decker bus were set on fire Saturday, stores were looted and several buildings along Tottenham's main street—five miles from the Olympic Park—were reduced to smoldering shells.

The unrest was sparked by a police shooting, but some blamed unemployment, insensitive policing and opportunistic looting for the worst violence the city has seen in years.

Police and politicians insisted the disorder was the work of a criminal minority and not a sign of social tensions or security lapses ahead of the 2012 Games.

Britain was already preparing a massive security operation for the Olympics, but most of the attention has been on the threat of international terrorism. About 12,000 police officers will be on duty each day of the games, which have a security budget of at least \$770 million.

A day after London was awarded the games in 2005, suicide bombers attacked London's transport network, killing 52 people. The British government is planning for the national terror threat to be "severe" during the Olympics, meaning an attempted attack is highly likely.

SUFA Softball meting tonight



The SUFA Softball Association is holding its third fundraiser softball tournament this weekend

from Friday, Aug. 12. to Sunday, Aug. 14, at the Capital Hill Ballfield.

In addition, organizers are holding a 6pm coaches, managers and team representa-

tives meeting tonight at the pavilion adjacent to Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Moreover, the anticipated raffle drawing will take place during Sunday's games.

The entrance fee to participate is only \$100 per team. Organizers are hoping for at least 12 teams this weekend and slots are available.

The tournament will follow a

Happy Hour fundraiser for CNMI National Baseball Team



Saipan Major League Baseball Association and the CNMI National Baseball Team are hosting a Happy Hour fundraiser event at the Garapan Central Park on

Friday night starting at 6pm.

Proceeds from the event will go toward defraying travel expenses for the team's trip to Noumea, New Caledonia where it will compete in the upcoming 2011 Pacific Games set from Aug. 27 to Sept. 10, 2011.

The public is invited to come and support the team's cause.

Tickets are currently being sold by the players for \$10 each, which will grant two free drinks to buyers. Additional drinks will be sold for \$2 a piece. Food and music enter-

tainment will also be provided throughout the evening.

Contact any CNMI national baseball team member or CNMI National Baseball team manager Tony Rogolifo at 288-5426 for more information. *(Walter Cepeda Sutherland)*

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of Miller's game against Kelly was unavailable at press time.

In the girls U15, only Mikayla Lopez is still in the fight for a semis ticket after Melody Johnson lost her first game yesterday. Johnson bowed to Yaelle Honakolo of New Caledonia, 3-6, 1-6, to drop to a 1-2 card in Pool A and was scheduled to meet Maimiti Marama of Tahiti in the second game yesterday and the undefeated Alesi Molotii (3-0) of Tonga today.

Lopez was also set to play two matches yesterday in Pool B, but results of neither game were unavailable at press time. Pending Day 2's results, Lopez has a 2-0 record and must win at least two of her three remain-

ing days to make it to the semifinals. Only the Top 2 finishers in Pools A and B will barge into the playoffs and Papua New Guinea's Lorish Puluspene (4-0) had already secured the first semis ticket.

In the girls U12 division, the CNMI had already gained one semis ticket after Negahr Rastgui swept her two games yesterday. Rastgui, who lost her first match over Tammy Ackerman last Monday, recovered with a 6-1, 6-1 win over the Cook Islands' Kiana Sword-Tua and then stunned the then undefeated Mulan Kamoe (3-1) of Fiji, 6-4, 6-3. Rastgui will play her last game against Samoa's Lyla Tapusoa tomorrow, while Ackerman will take on Sword-Tua. Ackerman lost to Kamoe yesterday, 6-3, 1-6, 4-6, and the two players and Rastgui share

similar 3-1 slates after Day 2.

Twin victories for the CNMI today will force a three-way deadlock for first place in Pool and the tie will be resolved by dividing each players' sets won to sets lost.

In the boys U12, Carl Dela Cruz must win his game against Samoa's Harley Cronin today to make it to the semifinals. Dela Cruz hold a 3-1 record in Pool A, tying Croning, after splitting his two matches yesterday. Dela Cruz defeated Guam's Gabrielle Tan, 6-4, 6-1, but failed to keep his record clean after losing to Tahiti's Michael Emery, 1-6, 1-6. Emery (4-0) has already gained a semis ticket in Pool A.

In Pool B, Moris Villanueva is out of the running after dropping his two games yesterday and falling to a 1-3 record. Villanueva lost to Guam's Edward

Chung, 2-6, 3-6, and the Cook Islands' Andrew Terupe, 3-6, 4-6.

In the boys U18, Rafael Jones split his two games to drop to second place in the eight-team field. Jones, who had a 2-0 record in Day 1, lost his first game yesterday against Fiji's Chris Hargrove, 3-6, 2-6, before recovering with a walkover win over Fiji's Raynal Singh.

Thea Minor also recovered from a defeat at the hands of Vanuatu's Lorraine Banimatoku after blanking her older sister, Thecel, 6-0, 6-0. The younger Minor has a 2-1 record in Pool A, pending the results of her game against PNG's Marcia Tere-Apisah yesterday. If Thea wins over the PNG bet and then prevails against the Cook Islands' Lillian Maui, she will advance to the semifinals.

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the one goal each for Fan Chew to force a deciding Game 2.

The eventual champion earned a twice-to-beat advantage in the finals after going undefeated in the elimination round. Ahn Young Ha Seh Yo debuted with a 4-0 win over Just For Fun and then notched its second win after beating Hyatt, 4-2. With its 2-0 record, Ahn Young Ha Seh Yo advanced to the semifinals against Noonan and won anew, 4-1.

Fan Chew also prevailed in its first game, defeating Royal Bengal, 2-1. Then in the second match, Fan Chew fell to

Noonan, 1-2, to drop to the loser's bracket. Fan Chew returned to its winning ways after edging Royal Bengal, 2-1, and the former eventually clinched the second and last finals berth after recording two more wins. Fan Chew triumphed over Just 4 Fun, 5-2, and then pulled off a 4-1 upset over Noonan in the second and last semis match.

The Thoensaket-led Fan Chew extended its winning streak to three when it shut out Ahn Young Ha Seh Yo in Game 1 of the finals. However, Fan Chew failed to keep its momentum in the do-or-die Game 2, while Ahn Young Ha Seh Yo hit its target in the clutch.

Ahn Young Ha Seh Yo and Fan

Chew were tied after the regulation, 5-all, and the game was still in a deadlock after the five-minute overtime period, 7-all. To finally decide the winner of the finals, organizers decided to have a shootout and Dae Min Jeon and Kang delivered the needed goals for Ahn Young Ha Seh Yo.

Joining Dae Min Jeon and Kang on the winning team are Dae Won Jeon, Henry Yang, Ho Jin Woo, and Chris Smith. Ahn Young Ha Seh Yo went home with \$500, while Fan Chew settled for \$300. Noonan and Just 4 Fun placed third and fourth, respectively, and took home prizes from tournament sponsors.

Other teams that joined the double-elimination tournament

were Fiesta, Hyatt Beach Club, and the all-female White Hot. Each game was played in two eight-minute halves with five minutes extension (in case of a tie). Opposing teams must have four players each at the pitch, including their respective goalies.

Meanwhile, tournament organizers would like to thank the following for supporting last weekend's competition: Fiesta Resort, Saipan Grand Hotel, Tan Holdings, Take Care, D&Q, DOCOMO, Rota Water, JWS, National Office Supplies, Island Apparel, Pacific Saipan, Toyota, AON Insurance, Yaong Corp., Luen Fung, Mobil Oil Marianas, JC Tenorio Enterprises, Taro Sue, and the volunteers.

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Red Inter's sixth and last goal came off another breakaway play when Otsuka Masatoshi made a cross to Edwin Cruz.

A Gil Chong Koo goal in the ensuing play stopped Red Inter's rally, however Korean Futsal ran out of time to make a big comeback and failed to keep its perfect record.

Red Inter, which also drew one goal each from Dale Roberts and Matt Holley, improved to a 3-1-1 win-loss-draw card.

Wild Bill's 6, Go Green 2

In the other men's game, Wild

Bill's routed Go Green, 6-2.

With the win and Korean Futsal's loss in the second match, Wild Bill's is back on top of the eight-team field, tying the former with their identical 4-1-0 slates.

Jeeraphong Thoensaket led Wild Bill's win, knocking in five goals, while Jiayua Guao scored the other goal for the team. Thoensaket hat a hat-trick in the first half, lifting Wild Bill's to a 3-1 lead. Fradel Sedillo logged Go Green's lone goal in the first 25 minutes of play.

In the second half, Thoensaket added two more, while Guao also lit up the scoreboard. Panapa Peteru posted Go Green's only goal in the second half.

WOMEN'S Shirley's B 8, Mellow Yellow 2

Also returning on the top spot is Shirley's B, which whipped Mellow Yellow in the first women's game, 8-2.

Shirley's B now has a 5-0-0 record, gaining a share of the lead with sister team Shirley's A. Mellow Yellow fell to a 2-3-0 mark, as it kept up with Shirley's B only in the first half.

After 25 minutes, Shirley's B led by only one, 2-1. Mikky Vargas and Alexa Vergara nailed one goal apiece for Shirley's B, while Noi Horey put Mellow Yellow in the scoreboard in the first half.

Then in the second half, Shirley's B pulled away behind the three goals from Vargas, two from Vergara, and one from Marriele Gariguez.

IT&E Awesome 6, Kulet's Team 0

The other women's game resulted to another blowout after IT&E Awesome shut out Kulet's Tea, 6-0.

Natalie Hill top-scored for IT&E Awesome, tallying three goals. Michelle Masga added two, while Connie Camacho hit one.

IT&E Awesome moved up so solo second place with its 3-2-0 record, while Kulet's Team dropped to a 1-3-0 slate.

double-elimination format with a modified co-ed rule where at least two female players must be on the field (and in the lineup) at all times.

Prizes are up for grabs to the Top 3 place finishers, but have not yet been determined.

Proceeds of the event will go toward Team SUFA's trip to Portland, Oregon to compete in the 2011 Annual Labor Day Softball Tournament.

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will be one of three main event fights Trench Tech Purebred Promotions is featuring for the evening at the Royal Taga Hall of Saipan World Resort.

Chope holds a 2-4 win-loss record and is coming off a unanimous decision victory in the Dare Championship: Dare 1/11 event held a couple months back in Bangkok, Thailand.

Charley (3-7), meanwhile, hopes to bounce back from his loss against Trench Tech's "Badd" Brad Palacios in June's Trench Warz 14: Ground Zero. The two battled it out for three exhausting rounds before Palacios won via split decision.

"Charley is a worthy and experienced opponent with a heart of a lion as shown in his last fight," said Trench Tech president Cuki Alvarez.

Charley trains under the tutelage and guidance of Marianas Elite front man and Pacific Xtreme Combat heavyweight champion Kelvin "The Big Hit" Fitial.

Elite's Derrick "El-Peligro" Rangamar in a featherweight MMA title match;

■ Dededo Boxing Club-Lights Out Gym's Gianna "GiaBaby" Sarusal of Guam vs. Trench Tech's Sheila "Tequila" Sambile in a 130-lb female boxing match;

■ Guam Muay Thai's Justin "Dungka" Dizon vs. Zeng Zung's Regino Mundo in a K-1 kickboxing match at 150-lbs;

■ John Garcia of Guam's Counter Shot vs. Zalaka's Jacob Ilo in a K-1 match at 130-lbs;

■ Counter Shot's Jared Santos vs. Haga's Jordan "Jungle Boy" Ogo in a K-1 match at 120 lbs;

■ Counter Shot's Kevin Miranda vs. Trench Tech's Josh "Chaos" Duenas in a 135-lb. MMA bout;

■ Independent fighter Jason "Ground Maintenance" Teregeyo vs. Zalaka's Joe Duenas in an MMA bout;

■ Zalaka's Lyle DL Guerrero vs. Roman Cabrera in a 140-lb MMA bout; and

■ Zalaka's Frank "The Tank" Faisao challenging Trench Tech's Martin "Ningbo Slice" Cepeda in a 200-lb MMA bout.

The other headliners include Jesse taking on USA's Jonathan Gary of the Reversal Gym's Yokohama Ground Slam team based in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in a 155-lb catch-weight bout; and Marianas Elite's Myron "The Natural" San Nicolas (5-2) taking on Trench Tech's Mylo "Alabama" Lassiter (2-0) in a super heavyweight pairing.

Jesse holds a 7-3 slate and is going for his third win in a row since March of this year, while Gary boasts 4-1 card and is coming off a second round TKO victory in Japan's Gladiator 13 held in Tokyo last January.

The 245-lb San Nicolas holds experience and 10 lbs over the undefeated young up-and-comer, but hasn't fought since November 2009.

Other fights listed on the tentative fight card are the following:

■ Trench Tech's Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez vs. Marianas

Trench Tech's "Badd" Brad Palacios and Zalaka boxer Franklin Agulto are also listed on the card and are awaiting opponents.

As of yesterday, Guahan Top Team's Rob "The Real Deal" Wusstig, Trench Tech's Mark "The Dark" Nuique, and Vince Masga along with independents Frank Ramangmau and Mike Limiac are listed on standby.

"ROP 11: Onra is dedicated to all the heroes, civilians and soldiers who fight the real wars around the world and is a tribute to their sacrifices," added Alvarez.

Tickets will be on sale soon at BoarderLine, Hannam Market in San Antonio, The Trap, 670 Rocksteady Shop, and at the Trench Tech Gym in San Antonio. General admission costs just \$20 and only \$25 for VIP seating.

Contact Trench Tech's Alvarez at 483-4662 (4662) for more information.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES									
MLB STANDINGS									
AMERICAN LEAGUE					Central Division				
East Division					Milwaukee	65	50	.565	—
Boston	71	43	.623	—	St. Louis	62	53	.539	3
New York	69	44	.611	1 1/2	Pittsburgh	55	59	.482	9 1/2
Tampa Bay	60	54	.526	11	Cincinnati	55	60	.478	10
Toronto	58	56	.509	13	Chicago	49	66	.426	16
Baltimore	44	68	.393	26	Houston	38	77	.330	27
Central Division					West Division				
Detroit	61	53	.535	—	San Francisco	63	53	.543	—
Cleveland	56	56	.500	4	Arizona	62	53	.539	1/2
Chicago	56	58	.491	5	Colorado	54	62	.466	9
Minnesota	51	64	.443	10 1/2	Los Angeles	52	62	.456	10
Kansas City	49	66	.426	12 1/2	San Diego	51	65	.440	12
West Division					Yesterday's Games				
Texas	65	51	.560	—	Atlanta 8, Florida 5				
Los Angeles	63	52	.548	1 1/2	Colorado 10, Cincinnati 7				
Oakland	51	63	.447	13	N.Y. Mets 9, San Diego 8				
Seattle	49	65	.430	15	Washington at Chicago, ppd., rain				
NATIONAL LEAGUE					Houston 9, Arizona 1				
East Division					Philadelphia 5, L.A. Dodgers 3				
Philadelphia	75	40	.652	—	Pittsburgh 5, San Francisco 0				
Atlanta	67	49	.578	8 1/2	Chicago White Sox 7, Baltimore 6				
New York	57	57	.500	17 1/2	Boston 8, Minnesota 6				
Washington	55	59	.482	19 1/2	Tampa Bay 2, Kansas City 1				
Florida	55	60	.478	20	Texas 9, Seattle 2				

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UFO Basketball Friendship League 2011 Bud Cup Opening

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Participating teams listen to the welcome remarks of United Filipino Organization president Bong Malasarte during the opening of the UFO Inter-Organization Basketball Friendship League 2011 Bud Cup late last month at the Civic Center Court in Susupe.



MARPAC's Melvin Tenorio delivers a brief message to players and organizers of the league.



Defending champion MAFEA-Ali'i Konflikt and its muses lead the parade of teams.



MDX/Blue Haus players and muses wait for their turn at the parade.



Bayani/Mobil players make their way to the judging table for the best in muse and best in uniform contests.



Cabalen/Noni players join the parade without a muse.



UPAA/Docomo Hoopaholics players enter the court.



NMBA/Mixed Blood players and muses make their way to the court.



Namfrel/Proa players are in full force during the parade.



VisMinda/Satbahi players and their muses join the parade.

Padres hand Pirates 10th straight loss, 7-3

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Mixed fortunes for CNMI jr. netters



Jake Lee, seen here making a return to Christian Miller during their U15 game in the PIC tournament in March this year, advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championship in Lautoka, Fiji yesterday.

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The CNMI had an on-and-off performance in Day 2 of the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Lautoka, Fiji, assuring the Commonwealth only three slots to the next round.



In the boys U15 division, Jake Lee notched his second win in as many games after downing American Samoa's Louie Amurao, 6-1, 6-1, yesterday at the Regional Tennis Centre. Lee now shares the No. 1 spot in Pool D with Kiribati's Teba Tito. The two leaders collide to-

day to decide the top finisher in the pool, but both are already in the quarterfinals.

Joining Tito and Lee to the next round is Christian Miller. The 15-year-old CNMI netter finished second in Pool A with his 2-1 record, bowing to eventual pool winner Heve Kelly of Tahiti yesterday. The final score

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Ahn Young Ha Seh Yo reigns

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Dae Min Jeon and Sung Ho Kang scored in a shootout to lift Ahn Young

Ha Seh Yo to a 9-7 win over Fan Chew in the finals of the 2nd Annual Fiesta Beach Soccer 5-on-5 Tournament held last Saturday.

The victory was sweet for Ahn Young Ha Seh Yo, as this time it claimed the championship that eluded the team last year. Ahn Young Ha Seh Yo also made it to the finals of the inaugural competition, but bowed to IT&E.

Ahn Young Ha Seh Yo seemed headed for another bridesmaid finish when it bowed to Fan Chew in Game 1 of the finals, 2-0. Jack Thoensaket and Arkie Reusora scored

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Ahn Young Ha Seh Yo players pose for a group photo after beating Fan Chew in the finals of the 2nd Annual Fiesta Beach Soccer 5-on-5 Tournament last Saturday.

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Red Inter stuns Korean Futsal

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Red Inter ended Korean Futsal Team's winning run in the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League after pulling off a 6-4 upset during the men's division game Monday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

Korean Futsal absorbed its first loss in five games, as it collapsed on defense midway in the second half, allowing Red Inter three successive goals in a span of less than 10 minutes.

David Duenas started Red Inter's string of goals in the second half when he found himself ungarded from the left sideline and kicked the ball that rolled in. Duenas's goal broke the deadlock and gave Red Inter a 4-3 lead.

A few minutes later, it was Arkie Reusora's turn to score, this time making a shot from the right sideline to stretch Red Inter's advantage, 5-3.

Red Inter players moved much quicker and were more aggressive on offense than Korean Futsal in the second half, catching the latter off guard.

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Red Inter's Otsuka Masatoshi, left, loses his balance after colliding with Korean Futsal Team's Dae Min Jeon during the second half of their game in a futsal league Monday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

USA's Chope back on Saipan for ROP 11

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American mixed martial arts practitioner Will "The Kill" Chope is hoping his return to Saipan will end in a more positive note compared to the last time he was on island.

The Dragon Muay Thai fighter from Orange Park, Florida fought here last March and lost to

Saipan's Fasi "Quickdraw" Jesse in the third round via head-and-arm triangle choke submission.

Come Sept. 9, Chope will take center stage once more when he takes on fellow lightweight Maitai "The Charger" Charley of Marianas Elite in Rites of Passage 11: Onra.

The Chope-Charley bout

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Chope



Charley